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Wishing You All A Merry Christmas

THIS is Christmas Day! It is the one day out of the three hundred and sixty five that we awake with a half-formed belief in our minds that there is a Santa Claus. At least that is the way we feel if we are real people, and not the product of our vices. All people start out in life fairly enough. Some of them are sadly handicapped by their surroundings, although they have within them the capacity of being real men and women. But a great many of us make the mistake of building up a false personality. We stifle the good within us that is ever struggling for expression, and we create something which we call ourselves, but is really not. To the dictates of this false self we listen, and by its opinions we are governed. But, happily, there is one day in the year when most of us can escape from its influence and be real people. And that day is Christmas, when we awake with some, perhaps, very ill-defined notion that the day will bring us something better than we really deserve. We all, that is, all we grown-up people, are quite satisfied that Santa Claus is an impossibility. Why we should be so terribly certain about it we do not know. There is no force in the argument from the fact that we have never seen him. None of us has ever seen the other side of the moon, but he would be a rash man who would deny that there is one. So there may be a Santa Claus after all—not perhaps the rotund, be-whiskered personage, who drives reindeers into inaccessible places, and to whom the descent of a chimney, too narrow to admit even one of his massive limbs, is the easiest thing imaginable, but some influence, which, as we used to think the Santa Claus of our childhood rewarded us for being good, watches our daily acts and bestows upon us tokens of appreciation, when we so live as to deserve it.

A few years ago there was a determined effort on the part of some very wise people to dislodge the children's saint from his place of honor. All references to him were carefully struck out of children's stories. A lot of people, whose chief aim was to tell other people how to bring up their children, made up their minds that the story of Santa Claus was absolutely immoral. It begat, they told us, in children's minds a love of deceit and a lack of confidence in their elders. Poor creatures! Having no children of their own, they had no more idea of the working of a child's mind than a graven image has of wireless telegraphy. There never was a child yet who was hurt by believing in fairies and giants, and by the way, these same wise people were going to abolish these also. A child, that is a little child, has more imagination than a regiment of grown-up people. A little tot lives largely in its imagination. If it didn't, you who happen to be its father, might not stand just as well in its estimation as you do now. And depending so much upon its imagination it requires mental food suitable to it. This the childish legend of Santa Claus furnishes, and by and bye, when the little one grows up to know that it is all a fable, he passes it on to his younger brothers and sisters, if he has any, and is grateful to his parents for the innocent deception they practised upon him. So we say: Long live Santa Claus; may his rotundity never grow less; may his reindeer team always be ready for his annual excursions, and may he ever gladden the hearts of little children.

Now, good sir or madam, you who have long ago ceased to count the grey hairs as they appeared, just sit before the fire for a little while this morning and let your thoughts run back to the days when only a few doubts as to the existence of Santa Claus were beginning to filter into your mind. That was when you really lived. You went to bed at night with a tired body and a clear conscience, and you never knew what it was to wake up in the morning with a dark brown taste in your mouth. But what you did have was a sublime faith. Then you knew what it meant to have absolute trust in some one. You have grown up, and with years and stature have come doubts. There was a king and a queen who could do no wrong, not because you had studied it out and decided that such must be the case, not because any such tradition had come down to you, but simply because father and mother were father and mother. Doubtless to bigger people they were very ordinary individuals, with their faults and their shortcomings, such as you yourself have today, but then you took them on faith. They loved you and you loved them, and nothing else made any difference. So it was that, because love is the fulfilling of the law, your life was all happiness, that is unless you were one of those poor waifs and strays of humanity into whose lives no ray of sunshine ever comes, and this is hardly possible. You have learned a good deal since then, so much so, indeed, that it seems incredible that the little chap or girl you remember can have been you. Probably your life cannot be as happy now as it was then. Your wants have grown greater. A 60-horse power motor would not give you as much joy now as a monkey on a stick would then; you have tested many things and found most of them hollow and unsatisfactory. If you are honest with yourself, you will have to admit that you are more selfish than you were in those by-gone days. But you might get back some of the faith, not in father and mother, indeed, for they perhaps have entered within the veil, but in the Sacred Name, which the day bears and in whom they trusted. You may get back some of the love, for loving begets loving, and that is one of the best thoughts of all.

Suppose there was no Christmas. Suppose that the years passed by and there was never a day in them all when we forgot to be mean, selfish and unkind. What a miserable sort of a place this world would be. Every race in every age has felt the need of holidays. Some of them are dedicated to one thing and some to another, but we in this land are happy in having our greatest holiday dedicated to the most ennobling of all sentiments. There is not the least doubt that we are all better for a little while before and a little while after Christmas. The spirit of the season gets into our veins in spite of us. Therefore the world must of necessity be the better for it. No matter what you may believe in a religious way, or if you believe nothing at all, Christmas will do you good, if you give it half a chance. Of course there are superlatively wise people who tell you that this sort of thing is all nonsense and mere sentiment. Doubtless it is all sentiment, but it is far from being nonsense. There is really only one thing in the world that is lasting, and that is sentiment. One man builds up a great fortune, another builds up a fabric of loving esteem. An accident or a turn in the market may wipe out the fortune, but the other structure will endure for ever. Indeed, it is like one of our great fir trees, standing just where the winds from the sea sweep upon it with all their fury. With the force of the gale its roots grip more strongly the rocks around which they are entwined. Christmas makes the world better. Upon that point there can be no doubt.

Then there are people who affect to despise the day—they only affect to do so, because no one in his senses really does—because they say it is founded upon a myth. They tell you that it is perfectly absurd to believe that Herald Angels ever sang an anthem of "Glory to God in the Highest, and on Earth Peace, Goodwill to Men." These are people who are to be pitied above all others. The following story is told of one of the great early Victorian scientists. He was spending Sunday at the house of a friend in the country, and the latter, who was a simple-hearted Christian, proposed that they should go to church. To this the man of science objected, saying: "Let us stay at home, and you will tell me of this religion which you profess." So they stayed at home, and the plain gentle-hearted host talked to him, not of theology, nor of creeds, nor of ecclesiastical dogmas, but of his own simple and happy experience as one who had opened the windows of his soul to let in the sunshine of God's love, and when he had ended, the great master of science arose and, taking him by the hand, said: "I would give all my fame and everything I possess to be able to say the things which you have said." Here the story ends, but it would be pleasant to think that this genius, who had sought out the secrets of nature in his laboratory, came in time to find the Peace of God, which passeth understanding. So, good skeptical friend, do not trouble yourselves whether there were "shepherds abiding in the fields" and Angels sing in the skies. Put this question aside with the thousands of other questions that you can never hope to answer; and let Christmas tell you its own story. It asks for no effort of reason, it requires no calculation, it scorns the idea of analysis. All it asks of you is to listen to its message.

This has been a good Christmas season in Victoria. It has given us new cause to feel pleased with our climatic advantages. Any one, who has a rose bush in his garden can doubtless pluck a flower from it today. The violets are in full bloom. The late autumn blooms are not yet all gone. Along the roadsides the saucy dandelions raise their heads, and even the early spring flowers are beginning to make their appearance. In some localities not far away there have been heavy storms, but right at home we have escaped very well. In all it has been a fine Christmas season. When one mingles with the crowds in the street the signs of prosperity were everywhere. Do Victoria people fully appreciate how blessed they are in this particular? We know nothing of gaunt poverty in this blessed land, and very little of ordinary distress. The contrast between Victoria and almost every place in America in this respect is striking. We say this in no boastful spirit, but simply in recognition of the great cause for thankfulness, which we as a community enjoy. For thanksgiving is a true Christmas sentiment, and surely Victorians have cause to feel it in no ordinary degree. This Christmastide is also full of hope to Victorians. Each year demonstrates more strongly than ever how happily situated our city is, placed upon an island that is destined to become a great garden and busy workshop. We ought to think of these things, and the thought ought to inspire us to the efforts necessary to take full advantage of them. The fame of this Victoria Christmas will spread far and wide. Wherever the story of it is told, the reputation of our city will be enhanced.

And so we leave the subject. At the head of this page we have extended the good old-fashioned Christmas greeting to all, and we will only add, in the language of one of the characters of the famous novelist, who did more to popularize the holiday than any writer who has lived for a thousand years,—the words that Dickens placed in the mouth of Tiny Tim: "God Bless Us Everyone."

"May good digestion wait on appetite."

If you did not get what you want, want what you get.

This is the one morning in the year when all of us learn now much more blessed it is to give than to receive.

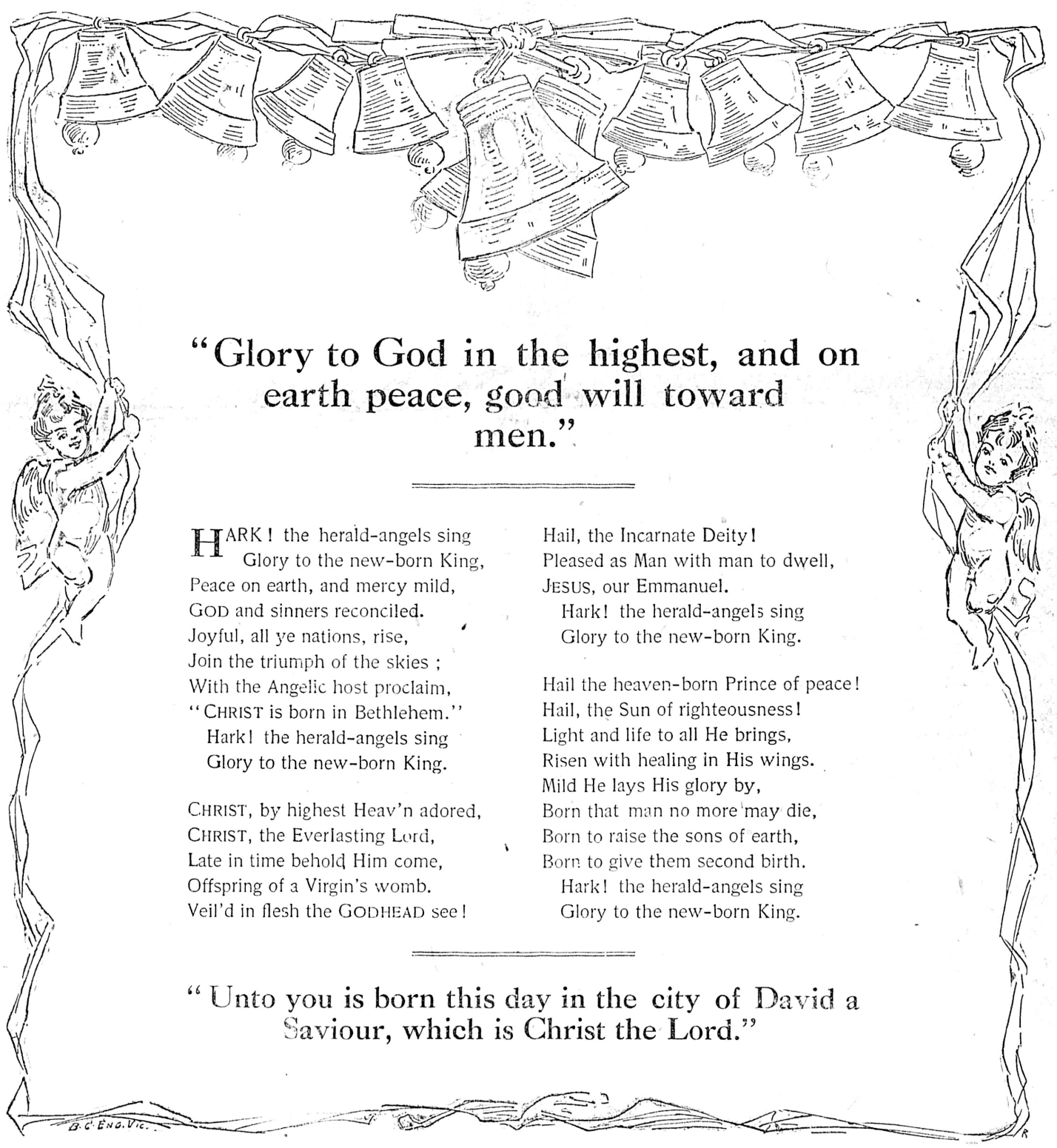
"Christmas comes but once a year, and when it comes it brings good cheer," and the cheer is doubled by sharing it with others.

The best fruit of the Christmas Tree is the happiness, which it sheds upon those who gather round it. The smell of the fresh air is in its branches and it fills the room: the fragrance of love pervades its foliage, and it fills our hearts.

A VOICE FROM THE PAST

Following is the leading article which appeared in the British Colonist on the morning of December 25, 1867:

The season of holiday enjoyment and merry-making is upon us once more, and today our readers will celebrate the anniversary of the birth of Him who, eighteen hundred and sixty seven years ago, appeared to save mankind. The anniversary of the advent of the divine deliverer of the human race is one worthy of being commemorated as a season of happiness and thanksgiving. It is a time when all should lay aside the toils and anxieties of busy life and give themselves up to social happiness and festivities. In older countries the return of Christmas is welcomed with a genial glow of pleasures by all classes. From the lord in his castle to the humblest peasant in his cot the season is fraught with interest and happy events. Why, then, should not we, in remembrance of the joyous days we have spent in our distant homes, at the family gatherings and merry-makings, gather here around the well-filled board and dedicate at least one day to the enjoyment of social intercourse and to the cultivation of a feeling of brotherly love and kindly feeling towards our fellow beings? The longest life is but a "span"; and some who are with us today will be hurried away into eternity ere another festive season rolls around. Why, then, should we not, burying forever past resentments and heartburnings, join hands with those with whom we have differed during the year, and pledge a renewal of that love and tender regard which He whose natal day we celebrate has commended us to bear one to the other? Even those among us whose lot has been hard during the past twelve months—who have lost friends or relatives, or who have suffered reverses of fortune—will doubtless experience a mournful pleasure in meditating upon the occurrences of the past, while they look hopefully forward to the future in store for our young Colony—a future full of the brightest promise. Amid the general enjoyment we trust that any who stand in need of the necessaries of life—the poor and the sick—will not be forgotten; that those who have will give from their plentitude to those who have not, and make glad the hearts of any near them who are without the means to take part in the festivities incidental to the day. We wish our readers, as well as all who are not our readers, a Merry Christmas.



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GOLDFIELD OVERTURES

Acting President Mahoney Ready to Propose Compromise to Mine Owners' Association

Goldfield, Nev., Dec. 24.—If a compromise of any nature is possible at this late date between the mine owners' association and the Western Federation of Miners, it will be brought about through the efforts of acting President Mahoney, of the Western Federation of Miners.

Night and day since his arrival here on Sunday last, Mr. Mahoney has been working on a proposition to bring about peace with honor to the Federation. Thus far Mr. Mahoney's efforts have been confined to conferences with the executive board of the local miners' union, but today is ready to confer with the mine owners. This privilege has, however, been denied him thus far. It is intimated that the first conference will be held on Thursday.

The mines and mills are running today as usual, with about 250 men at work.

A Long Tramp

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—Peter Stintoft, a Dane, 39 years old, arrived here this morning walking from a lake near Blind river, a distance of 430 miles. He slept out in box cars. He seemed to be in good spirits after the trip. The journey took 24 days.

Fire in Her Cargo

New York, Dec. 24.—While the steamer Bulgaria, with 2,000 steerage passengers on board, was passing down the river today outward bound for Europe, fire was discovered among several bales of cotton on deck. The flames were quickly subdued by two fire boats, which responded to calls for assistance, and the steamer proceeded with very little delay.

CITY AND PROVINCIAL BOARDS JOINTLY ACT

Will Thoroughly Investigate Question of James Bay Flats Dump

After nearly an hour and a half discussion on the question of whether or not the city "dump" on the James Bay flats is a menace to the public health, the city board of health, at the meeting of which Dr. C. J. Fagan, secretary of the provincial board of health, was present last night, decided to adopt the suggestion of the latter. The city engineer and the city medical health officer, Dr. Robertson, will, in conjunction with Dr. Fagan, go into the whole question of the "dump" and will submit a report.

The meeting was characterized by a great deal of talk anent the possible spread of bacteria which with the exception of Dr. Robertson and Dr. Fagan, was more or less beyond the comprehension of the aldermen, but the determination arrived at showed that the meeting was not without result. Dr. Fagan addressed to the mayor for the purpose of ascertaining what the latter meant when he, at a recent meeting of the council, declared that he knew by what motives Dr. Fagan had been actuated in his campaign against the city dump, was answered. Mayor Morley indicated by the two remarks which he directed towards Dr. Fagan that he had been informed that Dr. Fagan had been heard to state in private conversation that he was adverse to the mayor as an occupant of the chief magistrate's chair, and, second, that Dr. Fagan's hostile attitude had been shown by the fact that at a recent meeting of the Anti-Tuberculosis society he had asked Alderman Dr. Lewis Hall to attend such meeting and state his stand towards the movement to subdue the white plague. Mayor Morley, it appears, was not invited, an oversight which appeared to occasion him dissatisfaction.

In opening the meeting Mayor Morley called upon Dr. Fagan, who, in rising to speak, stated that he did not know whether this was the time to call for an explanation of the innuendos which he understood Mayor Morley has seen fit to level towards himself.

The mayor thought the meeting had been called for the purpose of discussing health matters, and he did not think that there was time to consider "squabbles."

Dr. Fagan's Statement.

Dr. Fagan, in presenting the opinion of the provincial board of health on the present condition of the James bay dump, said:

We are meeting here to consider the conditions existing on James Bay flats. I hope we will discuss this question without introducing petty prejudice and let the first consideration be what is best for the community.

My information is that all kinds of garbage including night soil has been deposited on the flats. I have direct information as to the night soil and rotten fish deposited. Further I have personal knowledge of the characteristics of the material deposited, having seen loads of filth taken directly from Chinatown and dumped.

The dump is about ten or twelve feet deep and is now being covered over by mud swept from the streets.

This then briefly is the condition and the question for consideration is ——are these conditions in the interest of the health of the community?

I note your health officer says he does not consider this dump a menace to public health, and "that certain chemical changes were going on in the mass of garbage under the earth which would soon reduce it to an innocuous mass."

I entirely disagree with both of these opinions, but will not here weary you with my reasons, and think it better to advance opinions on similar conditions by authorities on sanitation.

But first I will remind Dr. Robertson that he admits tracing a case of infectious disease to conditions at the flats.

One case is one too many, and if there was one there might have been more. Life must not be trifled with, and therein lies our responsibility.

But it is not alone because infectious diseases may possibly arise from these conditions that the Provincial Board calls for remedying the present state, it is that the conditions are a menace to the health of the community.

The intimate relations existing between the soil upon which we live and our health, and the marked influence of the soil on the life and well-being of man, are now fully recognized.

A New York Authority.

In support of this statement, I beg to quote the following paragraphs from a work of Dr. George Price, of the department of health of New York city.

"The natural capacity of the soil to decompose and reduce organic matter is some time taxed to its utmost by the introduction into the soil of extraneous matters in quantities which the soil is unable to oxidoze in a given period. This is called contamination or pollution of soil."

"The organic impurities and bacteria found in the soil are especially abundant in large cities, and are a great cause of the evil influence of soil upon health. The impurities are allowed to drain into the ground, to pollute the ground-water and the source of water-supply, and to poison the ground-air, loading it with bacteria and products of putrefaction, thus contaminating the air and water so necessary to life."

"The atmosphere of cities is constantly contaminated with the effluvia from soil, ground air, sewer gases, etc."

"That the air, without which we cannot live more than a few minutes has a great influence on the health of man, is self-evident. The physical condition of the air, the temperature, pressure, humidity, motion, relative content of one or the other of its constituents, the degree of vitiation, and the impurities in the air, all have a marked influence on the health, life and longevity of man."

"Impure air has a direct bad effect on health, and is capable of producing certain diseases."

An English Authority.

Again, Goodrich, an English authority in the work entitled "Disposal of town's refuse" says:

"In the past, economy has too often been the watchword not sanitation, and in too many instances the destruction of refuse by fire has been avoided as a luxury, quite unnecessary while any land within reasonable (or, sometimes unreasonable) distance can be obtained for tipping."

And again in discussing the process of purification which nature's great laboratory, the earth, effects, he says:

"Surely it is asking rather too much of that willing servant the microbe to pile great heaps of organic refuse either within or just without city boundaries, to level up land for building purposes, expecting that the deposit will in some mysterious way purify itself."

Again, speaking of certain towns (to which Victoria might be added) he says:

"In Geneva the refuse is carried and deposited on a piece of land, too often in close proximity to dwelling houses. One cannot too energetically condemn the establishment and maintenance of such deposits."

"The practice followed in Ostend until now has been the same as in all other Belgian towns. It consists simply in leaving the refuse to purify after it has been buried at a certain depth, or using it for filling up holes, or else depositing it in heaps in the surrounding country.

"The consequences, from a public health point of view, of this destestable practice need not be mentioned here.

"Tipping has been rightly styled a wretched relic of antiquity—a miserable link with the insanitary past. That it is the oldest method of disposal, no one will dispute. It was not such a serious matter in the neolithic age, primitive man was not gifted with a very acute nervous organization and the facility with which he could change his residence, gave him little reason to grumble at accummulations of filth. He could get away from the filth, but nowadays when people cannot move so easily and so frequently, when so many of our cities and towns are densely populated, the condition of matters is reversed, the filth must be once and for all removed from the people.

"Tipping on land or tipping in water will not do; they do not meet the case; they are not final; they fall short even of the sanitary standard in the time of Moses."

Military Hygiene

Again Munson in his work on "Military Hygiene" says:

"Wet garbage should always be kept separate from dry rubbish. It should never be thrown upon the ground, and should not be buried within the limits of the regimental area unless the camp is positively known to be of a transient character."

Here, then, are opinions which must be respected, but I should have thought that common sense would settle such a proposition as we are now faced with. Which of you gentlemen would allow such an accumulation to be deposited in your garden. Your garden could and would purify a certain amount provided it was not dug in too deep, but like everything else, soil has its limits.

In the flats the filth is in excess of the soil and further, the deposit is at such a depth that nitrification is impossible because of the lack of oxygen.

I have here in my hand a report of the registrar-general of England. He shows how the general death rate has been reduced coincident on the enforcement of sanitary laws. Our duty then is plain, and I am ready and willing to consult and advise as to what is best to be done.

I will add just one more fact. Persons when out of health from any cause always seek country air—why? Because the town air is befouled by odours, insanitary conditions, etc., and the country air is less so.

It has been proved by the most reliable experiments that the bacteria in air varies from 0 in pure mountain air to 79,000 per cubic metre in the air of Paris. These bacteria have been found to be both saprophytic and pathogenic (disease producing).

Between 1851 and 1871 the towns of England increased from 580 to 938, their population from nine to fourteen millions.

Registrar-General's Report.

"There is nothing in the series of annual reports issued by this office that shows at more distinctly and unmistakably than the wonderful effect which the sanitary operations of the last decade have had in saving life. The Public Health act came into operation in 1872. The average annual death rate for the immediately preceding ten years (1862-71) had been 22.6, and there were no indications whatsoever of any tendency of the rate to fall lower. Indeed, in 1871, the final year of this period, the rate was exactly the average, viz., 22.6. The act came into force, and at once the rate began to fall, and continued to fall year by year with almost unbroken regularity, until in 1881 it was no more than 18.9. Once only in the ten years that had elapsed since the act came into operation was the rate as high as the average of the previous decade. That was in 1875, when the rate was 22.7. In that year a second public health act, of more stringent character, came into operation; and from that date down to 1881 the death-rate did not reach 22.0 and averaged no more than 20.5.

Dr. Fagan stated that he was at the meeting to consult and advise, and he regretted that an afternoon paper had seen fit to attribute statements to him which he had never made.

Mayor Morley called attention to a statement made by Dr. Fagan that Dr. Robertson had attributed a case of infectious disease to the dump on the James Bay flats. This must have been a mistake, as Dr. Robertson had not made any such statement.

Dr. Fagan said that no one could say whether the disease came from any particular spot, but that did not affect the issue. The question was one of general principle.

Ald. Fullerton declared that the city had not placed garbage on the flats for a considerable length of time, not within the past three months, but Dr. Fagan stated positively that he could tell of his own knowledge of instances within that time when garbage had been deposited there.

Dr. Robertson's Statement

Dr. Robertson asked to be allowed to make a statement. There had of old, a quantity of stuff, tin cans and boxes, deposited at the dump, but no organic matter. There had been some rotten fruit and a load of rotten fish, but that was some time ago. Regarding the question of the flats being a menace he stated he was not an authority, he only knew what his common sense told him. How were the flats contaminated and with what material? As far as he knew the flats had not been contaminated by sewage. The composition of the material in the dump allowed a free circulation of oxygen. Dr. Robertson quoted from authorities to show that his contention was correct. He claimed that the free admittance of sunlight and air effectually killed the bacteria. He reiterated his opinion expressed before that while the flats might have been a nuisance it was no menace to the public health. Street soil had been placed upon the dump as a covering but did not think that such was anything but a benefit.

His Own Experience

To what date do you go back asked Ald. Vincent of Dr. Fagan.

"To my own experience of what I saw and smelt, replied Dr. Fagan who said that he was in accord with much of what Dr. Robertson had said, but that did not alter the question. Why are the sanitary authorities condemning such a state of affairs as exists at the flats? Why do you not go to Spring Ridge and establish a dump" he asked." Because the residents there would surely object."

Continuing, Dr. Fagan stated that he had endeavored to show how the authorities in every city of the civilized world were today condemning such condition of affairs. The action of the city health board was absurd, he had no hesitation in stating that the provincial board would not stand it. The provincial board is very slow to interfere, said Dr. Fagan, with municipalities and only when complaints come to him does he take action. Several complaints had been made to him about the city dump and he had seen the mayor.

Within the past month he had received further complaints. He denied that he had stated that the dump should be dug out as the only means of removing the menace to the public health. The whole question required great thought and consideration to come to a satisfactory conclusion.

Defends the Council

The mayor declared that it was a shame that the present council should be blamed for a condition which had its origin years ago. He had complained of the dump himself, three years ago, but nothing had been done to abate the nuisance.

"Yet within the past three weeks I have seen filth unmentionable deposited upon the flats," declared Dr. Fagan.

"You must have been brought up in a dainty place," remarked the mayor.

"Yes, in Ireland," retorted Dr. Fagan, who again asked what the council proposed to do, and stated emphatically that the provincial board of health wanted to know.

Ald. Hall asked what Dr. Fagan proposed the city should do, a question which the latter stated was the first sensible question he had heard asked at the meeting.

Ald. Vincent rose to ask what was the use of all the talk about germs. The matter should be discussed as one of business. Dr. Robertson declared he was talking along scientific lines.

Ald. Fell suggested that the whole discussion could well be cut short. The provincial board of health could overrule the city, and the best thing would be for the provincial board to state in writing what it wants, and then the city would know exactly what was expected of it. There was no doubt but that the flats had been a nuisance, whether from a health standpoint or not, he was not prepared to say. The smell had been bad while the fire was under way, but since it had been subdued he had not noticed it.

Nothing But Clean Garbage.

Ald. Henderson declared that the city had allowed nothing but clean rubbish to be placed upon the flats of late. The great need was an incinerator, which he hoped to see established within a comparatively short time.

Dr. Fagan stated that he was ready and anxious to place himself at the disposal of the city, and suggested that the city engineer and the medical health officer arrange with him to go over the situation and make recommendation to the city and provincial board of health. He proposed no elaborate scheme of expense, but the city might as well recognize the fact that the provincial board would not tolerate the present conditions.

On motion of Ald. Fell, seconded by Ald. Meston, the city engineer and the city health officer will meet with Dr. Fagan and go over the whole question of the city dump.

After this matter had been settled Dr. Fagan brought up the question of the innuendoes which the mayor, he said, had seen fit to level against him, and he quoted from the daily press.

"I don't read those silly things," declared the mayor.

Mayor Morley then asked: "Have you at any time since you brought the anti-tuberculosis campaign before this council, said anything against me as mayor? and second, did you not take Ald. Hall to one of the society's meetings and introduce him as the future mayor of Victoria?"

To the first question Dr. Fagan declared he had had not, and to the second he declared that what he had stated was that Dr. Hall was a candidate for mayor, and he had asked him as to his opinion of the society's work in its fight against tuberculosis.

Mayor Morley claimed that he, as head of the city, should have been asked. This ended the meeting, the mayor jocularly suggesting that those present should sing a Christmas carol.

QUICK RETRIBUTION

Would-Be Thief Receives Summary Punishment on Government Street

Retribution swift and sure, and none the less sure because it was so unexpected, followed the attempt of an unknown light-fingered individual to "lift" the time-piece of Capt. Frank Rucker. The captain was strolling along Government street yesterday afternoon about 4 o'clock and had pulled out his watch to ascertain the time. Before he had had an opportunity of looking at the watch one of the many passersby made a grab for the time-piece and succeeded in snatching it from the owner's hand. Captain Rucker felt the tug at his watch-chain and turned around in time to catch the would-be thief. Without wasting any time in calling the police or taking steps to have his man legally apprehended Capt. Rucker resorted to nature's mode of punishment and with two or three swift, but forceful right-handers, straight from the shoulder, gave the pickpocket a lesson which the latter will remember for the balance of his natural life and will probably prove a more salutary lesson than could be inculcated by the usual methods of criminal procedure.

Savings Bank Closed

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 24.—The Memphis Savings bank failed to open its doors this morning. A notice posted on the door said that the bank had been placed in the hands of a receiver. No statement has been issued.

Heavy Christmas Mails.

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—Indications at the central postoffice are that an unusually heavy Christmas mail will be despatched and received. The various wickets in the money-order and stamp departments are thronged with waiting crowds, anxious to be served.

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POST OFFICE EXCELS PREVIOUS RECORDS

More Stamps Sold Than Ever Before—Great Increase in Money Orders

The record for the present year at the local post office has in every way surpassed that of other years. More cash has been taken in by the stamp vendors than in any other year for the same time, while the postal money order department has excelled all previous records.

The new stamping machine installed during the last six months records the number of letters the stamps of which have been cancelled, the figures for which have not been available in other years. The records for the two days of the present week are higher than in any other two days since the time the machine has been installed. On Monday last the machine stamped 10,000 letters and post cards passing under it, while yesterday that record was again surpassed with a total of 12,000 of the Christmas missives.

The sale of stamps in the last two weeks has also been phenomenal. Since Dec. 10 the sale of stamps has realized $5,947, almost double that of the previous year for the same time, the increase amounting to $2,276. The record for the same period of last year which was higher than that of the preceding years was $3,671.

The sale of money orders has been unprecedented. In 1906, $1,922 worth of money orders were purchased between Dec. 10 and today, while for the same period of the present year the amount was $2,784 an increase of $862.

The mails from Eastern Canada and the British Isles have shown a proportionate increase. One English and one Canadian mail were received last evening and the size of it may be guaged by the fact that in the two there were fifteen bags of letters and post cards alone, in addition to the mass of packages, papers and periodicals.

On Monday last nine bags of parcels were sent from here to Vancouver.

After such a period of activity the postal officials are almost worn out, for they have been working literally day and night since the busy season has commenced.

Today they will have their first rest. The general delivery will be open from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Special arrangements have been concluded with the authorities at Ottawa by which such mail as has been sorted by tomorrow morning will be sent out through the city in charge of the postal carriers in five large waggons.

Last evening a specially large mail was sent out to the Orient. In all 553 registered packages for Hongkong were sent out on it. The average mail for the east has been but 300 packages.

Too Much Luck

Richmond, Dec. 24.—The Christmas present of Mrs. William Luck, of Roanoke to her husband today, says a special to the News-Leader, was two boys and two girls at a birth. All are doing well.

Montreal Laborers' Wages

Montreal, Dec. 24.—The Canadian Manufacturers' Association has sent a strongly worded protest to the city council against the action of the city in raising the wages of laborers to $2 a day, which the association declares would deter men from learning good trades, and would, in fact, interfere with the supply of skilled mechanics.

WORK TO RESUME IN THE BOUNDARY

Granby Company Reaches an Agreement With Miners and Smeltermen

Nelson, B. C., Dec. 24.—A special to the Daily News from Grand Forks announces that a settlement between the Granby company and its miners and smeltermen was reached this evening, and work will be resumed at Phoenix and Grand Forks on Thursday morning. This is the Kootenay's Christmas box.

The Queen City of the Kootenays has never witnessed a brighter or more prosperous Christmas eve. A large number of ranchers who have settled in the district during the last twelve months are in the city for the holidays. The streets and stores have been crowded during all afternoon and evening. There is good skating, sleighing and curling, and with a promised settlement of all labor questions in the Boundary and elsewhere the outlook here is decidedly satisfactory.

GETS "BIG STICK"

Mayor Morley is Lucky Recipient of Prize in Annual Drawing

To Mayor Morley goes prize of the "big stick," an instrument which may possibly have proved as useful to the head of the civic administration as it has to the energetic and wayward head of the republic to the south. Mayor Morley, though he apparently does not know it, is the winner of the 101st prize in the annual drawing made on Monday night at the Army and Navy cigar store. For weeks previous to the event the seekers after easy money have been taking their chances and the many handsome prizes offered were anxiously hoped for.

Mr. Simpson, a retired naval veteran, drew the numbers, and to the mayor went the prize of the big candy cane, a species of "all day sucker," as the small boys would term it. Other recipients of the numerous prizes are now congratulating themselves on their luck, while those who got nothing solace themselves by the thought that at least someone landed safely.

Closed For Holidays.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—The South Chicago plant of the Illinois Steel company, employing 7,000 men, will be shut down until after the holidays.

Member Recuperating.

Preston, Ont., Dec. 24.—John A. Clare, Conservative member of parliament for South Waterloo, who has been suffering from an acute form of indigestion, is now out of danger.

Guests of Salvation Army.

New York, Dec. 24.—More than 125,000 people will eat Christmas dinner in New York tomorrow furnished by the Salvation army. The dinners are being put up in baskets for families of five and six, and will be distributed on Christmas morning.

Supreme Chief Ranger

Toronto, Dec. 24.—Rumors regarding the resignation of Elliott C. Stevenson as supreme chief ranger of the Independent Order of Foresters, were set at rest by a statement from Mr. Stevenson himself. In reply to a telegram sent him from Detroit, he says: "No basis for rumor." An unqualified denial has also been given by the executive council.

Practical Presents

NECKWEAR, NEWEST XMAS NOVELTIES, just arrived 75c to $2.50
ENGLISH MOTOR GLOVES, per pair $3.50
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Seely's Handsome Boxes, each, from.....75¢ to $6.40
Colgate's Fancy Boxes, each.....50¢ to $2.25
Colgate's Violet Toilet Water—genuine violet odor—per bottle .....35¢ to $1.50

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Gentlemen's Brush Sets, real staghorn in smart case, $9.00
Shaving Mirrors, from .....$3.50 to $6.50
Shaving Sets, fine nickel-plated Mug, with genuine badger hair brush .....$3.50 to $6.50
Shaving Brushes, from .....25¢ up to $2.50
Ladies' Travelling Cases, elegantly finished with nickel and real ebony furnishings, prices.....$6.50 up to $20.00
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WHAT CHRISTMAS IS TO PEOPLE OF THE STAGE

The Holiday Means Only an Extra Matinee for Them

Christmas, and in fact any of the holidays which acknowledge and crown the sweet influence of "Home" which envelopes all humanity in a renewal of friendship and good cheer, curiously enough more often brings the most piognant heart ache and loneliness to the little band of world's workers whom Ingersoll so tenderly termed "Children of the Stage." Do not misunderstand me—not "stage children." The grown-up wistful children of the stage.

Tradition and the peculiar environment of the players has ascribed a careless gayity and an ephemeral quality to their character not wholly justified. Take us as it will, whether petted or despised, the stage is a something apart from the real "Scheme of Things," as the world values a man's work. Depicting every shade and possibility into which a human passion or love may be led, giving voice to the dreams of philosophy of another man's genius, the audience has little interest in the personality of the moving figure on the stage. That the player is only real and convincing, as he himself is the full measure of a man, capable of the finest reaches of sensibility and humanity, means little or nothing to the world. Although under no social obligation to a world that practically ostracises us which would give us all of its conventionalities without any of its benefits, we awake at the holiday time to the full and bitter knowledge of our loneliness.

The "Bon Comrade" of Bohemia is a mighty poor substitute for the glow of your own fire-log, and cheerful bufoonery a worse one for the clasp of little arms around your neck.

"Christmas means only an extra matinee for us." We often avoid the sardonic greetings of our associates and as we hurry through the dismal stage door into the quiet deserted street how sadly we wish we were "at home"—somewhere—when solitude becomes insufferable two or more of us gather together and over supper discuss old days, old joys—"when we were young." Weird tales are told of holidays in strange places, alien skies where perhaps they know no holiday at all; and as the cigars go out and the finish the hymn of all strangers in a strange land "Auld Lang Syne," nothing is left of our holiday thoughts but the clutch at the throat as we say "Good-night." Ah, well, it is all in a day's work. From out of your bounty of happiness, dear friends exchange one kindly thought with the players who, with "Tiny Tim," exclaim "God bless us every one."

OKANAGAN CENTRE HAS BRIGHT FUTURE

That is the Opinion of George Watt Who Owns Fruit Farm There

George M. Watt, Jr., of Okanagan Centre, is spending Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George M. Watt, Sen., "Dunelm," Menzies street, having arrived in Victoria a few days ago. Mr. Watt owns a forty-acre fruit ranch near Okanagan Centre, from which he expects great things in the next few years. The district is going ahead by leaps and bounds, especially since Maddock Bros., Limited, of which V. C. Maddock & Co. is a branch concern, undertook the irrigation of a tract containing about 5,000 acres which they are dividing into ten-acre plots. The work is well under way and it is expected that water will be turned on about April 1.

Discussing the work, of which he is in charge, Mr. Watt said that it was considered the most complete system that had yet been attempted in British Columbia. The water is conveyed by the inverted syphon principle in 22 inch cast iron pipes from a lake, four miles long by one and a half wide, down one hill, across a valley and up another hill to the Maddock property which fronts on Okanagan lake. This lake is connected with a string of smaller ones extending back a distance of fifteen miles, so that no fear need be entertained of a water shortage. Included in the water system under way is provision for a complete service not only for the new town of Okanagan Centre, but also for the various plots.

The town of Okanagan Centre although only about a year old already gives promise of becoming a thriving centre. It now boasts a good hotel, a large general store, a livery stable, several fine residences, while close by is a sawmill with a daily capacity of 25,000 feet of lumber. A wharf has been built and the little town is a regular place of call for vessels passing up and down Okanagan lake.

Mr. Watt will return shortly to his home in Okanagan Centre, where he has spent the past four years, previous to which he had spent six years in other parts of the Okanagan district. Eventually, however, he chose what is now Okanagan Centre as the best location for fruit growing and sees no reason for regretting his selection.

SUBMARINE SIGNALS.

Utility of Aids Shown by Experience of British Steamer.

The utility of submarine signals such as will be established off the entrance of the Straits of San Juan on board the lightship which the United States government proposes to moor at Swiftsure bank was illustrated recently by the experience reported by the captain of the Argo line steamer Adler on a recent voyage from Landon to Bremen. Thick fog had to be contended with all through, and the captain reports that the sound of the submarine bell of the Borkum lightship was heard fifteen minutes earlier than the lightship's fog horn. As soon as the sounds of the submarine bell were recorded by the receiving apparatus on board the steamer, it was an easy matter to steer in the direction of the lightship and to verify the position of the vessel. The observation was made in a dense fog and the bell under water being heard from a distance of five and a half sea miles.

HOW CHRISTMAS WILL BE CELEBRATED

Special Services in Many City Churches—Dinners and Christmas Trees

Christmas, the day of days for the children, whether it heralds the coming of Santa Claus, of Noel or of Kris Kringle, will be celebrated in this city today as loyally as in any portion of the earth for it is doubtful if there are merrier children anywhere or with better reason for being happy than there are in the capital city of British Columbia. For, where there is unalloyed prosperity for the parent, the children reap the benefit.

So the old heathen Yule festival, which was celebrated by the Romans as the Saturnalia, when even slaves knew no bounds to their merriment and which the wise monks by convention agreed to celebrate as the natal day of the Saviour of the world, in 1907 on the western shores of the Great Dominion will be passed with all the circumstance and most of the accompanying features which for centuries has marked its celebration in Merrie England.

There are no poor in Victoria, according to this city's proud boast, but those in straightened circumstances have through the various charitable organizations, been cared for, and it is practically certain that no one will go hungry today. The Friendly Help society and the Salvation army have distributed hampers.

For the sick there have been special treats provided. At the Royal Jubilee hospital a Christmas tree was provided last evening and from it were distributed gifts to the sick and their attendants. Similarly the occasion will be one of special care for those at St. Joseph's hospital.

At the provincial jail the forty inmates will have a special dinner of roast beef and plum pudding. At 10:30 a service will be held under care of Rev. Mr. Grundy. Mr. Tranter, assisted by others, will give a programme of music, and fruit will be distributed, a number of the clergymen being present to assist.

The stockings of the inmates of the Protestant Orphans' Home were hung up last evening, and just now the children are delighting themselves with the contents. A special Christmas dinner has been provided, and later on in the season a Christmas tree will be given.

A special supper will be given by the members of the W. C. T. U.

His Majesty's Sailors.

Christmas will be celebrated in the usual manner on board the warships at Esquimalt, H. M. S. Shearwater and Egeria. The event of the day is, of course, the Christmas dinner. This is tasted by the officers, the pudding being carried around the room in style, and the sailor makes merry in his jovial way. Then, too, it is a custom long established that "free gangway" shall rule on board the ships, and the crews come and go freely.

Church Services

The day will be marked by special services in nearly all of the city churches. Last evening midnight mass in St. Andrew's Roman Catholic cathedral was celebrated at which Archbishop Orth pontificated. The attendance was extremely large and the special music was splendidly rendered.

At Christ Church cathedral the following is the order of the services today: Holy communion, 7 a.m. and 8 a.m.; morning, 11 a.m.; the preacher at the service will be the Bishop of Columbia. The music set for the day is as follows: Voluntary, "Pastoralle," Dinelli; Processional hymn, No. 69; Venite, Cathedral Psalter; Proper Psalms, Cathedral Psalter; Te Deum, Smart, in F; Benedictus, Elvey (M.S.); Anthem, "Thus Speaketh the Lord of Hosts," Sir J. Stainer; Kyrie, Dr. Gower (M.S.); Gloria, Russell; hymns, Nos. 59, and 61; Voluntary, "Communion," Dubois.

At St. Barnabas church the following is the order of the service: Celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 8 and 9 a.m.; matins at 10.30, choral eucharist and sermon by the rector, Rev. E. G. Miller, at 11. The following music will be rendered: Organ, "The Pastoral Symphony," Handel; Processional "Hark the Herald Angels Sing"; Service, Simper in A flat; hymns, 59 and 91; Anthem, "God from on High Hath Heard"; Rev. E. R. Hall, tenor solo, Mr. Skelton; soprano solo; the choir boys in Unsion Nunc Dimittis, St. John; organ, "For Unto Us a Child is Born," Handel. There will be evensong with devotional reading at 7.30 p.m.

At St. James church the order of the service is as follows: Celebration of the Holy Communion at 8; matins and sermon at 11, and a second celebration at 12. The collection at the 11 a.m. service will be given to the clergy, widows and orphans' fund. The following music will be rendered by a full choir: Organ Voluntary; Venite and Psalms, special Cathedral Psalter; Te Deum in G. J. L. Hoqkins; Benedictus, Troutbeck; Anthem, "O Come All Ye Faithful," arranged by V. Novellus; Hymns, 60 and 62; Kyries, Sullivan; Com. Hymn, 322; Nunc Dimittis, Felton.

At the Metropolitan Methodist church at 11 o'clock today the pastor, Rev. G. K. B. Adams will officiate, preaching upon the subject "God Manifest in the Flesh."

At the church of Our Lord the services will be as follows: At 11 a.m., sermon by Rev. T. W. Gladstone. The offeratory is on behalf of the widows and orphans of the clergy. Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated at the close of the service

Alaskan In Port.

The steamer Alaskan, which was aground for several weeks on Cape Mudge, Vancouver Island, was towed to Seattle on Monday by the Vancouver tug Escort No. 2. The Alaskan's hull has been seriously damaged by pounding on the rocky beach, and it is estimated that to repair the vessel will cost quite a sum.

The Alaskan first got into trouble December 9. During a fierce head wind the vessel touched a shoal off Shetler Point, while southward bound from Ketchikan. The accident broke the propeller and crippled the machinery. The next day the vessel was caught by a gale while anchored off Cape Mudge and driven on the beach, the anchors failing to hold her from destruction.

The captain and crew of the Alaskan reached short safely. There they made shelter with canvas and hay from the wreck and lived thus in their temporary camp for ten days until the Escort came to their rescue. No serious hardships were encountered, although the exposure and inconvenience of the wreck told on all hands. Practically all of the Alaskan's cargo is ruined, a part being taken to Vancouver, B. C., by scow, a part coming to Seattle in the hold of the vessel.

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OBITUARY NOTICES

Word has been received in the city of the death, at Port Townsend, on Monday last, of Robert Kirkwood McLachlan, of Deer Harbor, who succumbed at the Northwestern sanitorium. Deceased was a brother of Daniel McLachlan of the Indian office in this city. Deceased who was born in Ontario in 1843, came west to the Pacific coast in 1869, and located at Victoria, where he was for several years interested in marine affairs, having built the sloop Oreas, and he and his brother Daniel were interested in the trade among the Gulf islands. Later he was appointed lightkeeper at the Pole Pass lighthouse. The late Mr. McLachlan was a member of the Masonic order, having joined Ashlar lodge, No. 3, at Nanaimo.

The funeral of the late Miss Cora Gertrude John took place at 2 p. m. yesterday afternoon from the family home at Saanichton, Rev. J. W. Flinton, rector of Saanichton, officiating. There was an unusually large turnout and the floral offerings were both numerous and beautiful. The pallbearrs were H. F. Haldon, J. Haldon, R. J. Fell, A. B. John, H. P. John and F. John.

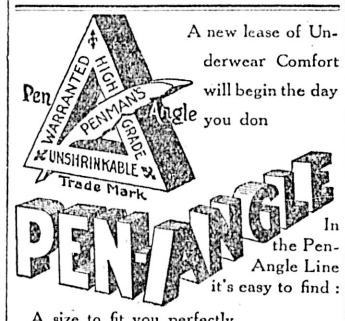
MR. PUGSLEY'S VERSION

He Alleges Reasons for Refusing to Answer Mr. Kemp's Challenge in Parliament

St. John, Dec. 24.—Hon. Mr. Wm. Pugsley, discussing the attack made upon him by the Conservative member of parliament for East Toronto, said it would have been out of place for him to refer to these matters in the debate on the reply to the speech from the throne. Mr. Kemp's remarks were not such as to be calculated to raise that member in the esteem of the house, and he (Mr. Pugsley) did not feel called upon to reply. Other members of the government had agreed with him that he had adopted the proper course. Mr. Pugsley said he had made the charges publicly and with such minute detail that they could not be mistaken. His statements had not been denied by the leader of the opposition or gentlemen in New Brunswick and Montreal who were cognizant of the facts. Whenever Mr. Borden was ready to discuss the matter with him, either in parliament or elsewhere, Mr. Pugsley said he would be ready to meet him in debate.

Pope and Cardinals.

Rome, Dec. 24.—The Pope was present in the sacred college today for the exchange of Christmas greetings with the cardinals.



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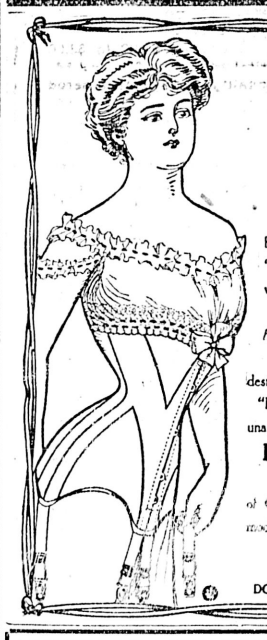

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THE ORIENTAL DEBATE.

The Montreal Star treats the discussion in the House of Commons on the Oriental influx as an effort on the part of the British Columbia members "to set themselves right with their constituents on the Japanese immigration question," and it expresses its regret that "so delicate a question should be dragged into the turmoil of party politics at all." By what process of reasoning the Star has arrived at the conclusion that the British Columbia members brought the subject up as a matter of party politics is beyond our comprehension. The gentlemen, who spoke, were all Liberals, and their observations, so far as they had any political complexion at all, were an arraignment of the Liberal administration. We do not think that either of them will dissent from the proposition that to score a political point against Sir Wilfrid Laurier would be the last thing they would have in their minds. They were not making capital against the Conservatives, because Mr. Borden has placed himself on record far more in accordance with their views than Sir Wilfrid Laurier has. We can well believe that Messrs. Smith, Sloan, Macpherson, et al, are quite as concerned about the proper repair of their political fences as any one else, and that they have not been unmindful of the possible effect of their remarks upon the minds of the electors, whose votes they will be soliciting before very long. Outside of the Star office mankind have a certain proportion of human frailty, and will continue to have it until the end of the chapter. But we find no difficulty in conceding to the Liberal representatives what we claim for ourselves, namely a sense of responsibility in connection with this subject, which far transcends party allegiance.

The London Times in an article reproduced on Page 5 of this issue, seems to regard the whole Oriental question as something having its genesis in the labor organizations, and as being kept alive by them. There never was a greater mistake. This agitation gains its strength from its advocacy by men, who are able to approach it without prejudice, and in many cases would, if they permitted self-interest to control their opinions, be found strong advocates of Asiatic immigration. Our arm-chair critics in Montreal and London would change their views, if they would take the trouble to study the situation on the ground. Their attitude reminds us of the criticisms that used to be launched by the same class of people concerning the conduct of the Boer war. It is infinitely easier to generalize at a safe distance than out on the firing line. British Columbia is the firing line in a great racial conflict. It will we hope be a peaceful conflict. It can be a peaceful conflict, if good sense prevails among those who have the welfare of the country in their hands.

Referring again to the Oriental debate we quote from the Star:

This is a matter of our foreign relationships; and, if we are ever to play a dignified part as a nation among nations in the world, we must learn to treat questions affecting our relations with other nations, with more restraint. They are not legitimate fields for party attack or party defence. It is inconceivable that a debate should be precipitated in the British Commons on the relations, say, of Britain to Germany at the very time when a special British Envoy was in Berlin negotiating with the Kaiser's Government on the precise point at issue. None but novices in world politics would be guilty of such a blunder.

Such exhibitions as these are the most crushing comment on our aspirations to be called "a nation." We will not be regarded by other nations as one of them until we grow up and learn to behave ourselves like an adult. So long as the eagerness of a set of local politicians to justify themselves before their own constituents is held to override the rules that govern international courtesy in our high court of Parliament, we can talk as big as we like; but those who know the rigor of the game will smile at our assumption. It is not enough to own half a continent and to be six million strong to be a nation.

This is the language of "the superior person," and if such people had their way British Columbia would simply become an outpost of the Orient. We read of the importance of maintaining a navy. We are told that the fisheries of the world have been the schools of sailors. A good many columns have been written, and not in British Columbia only, telling how by and bye there would be trained in our waters the men, who would man the navy of the Empire. Today most of those, who are learning the arts of the sea in fishing craft on this western coast of Canada, are Japanese. They have driven out the white men, and the same qualities, which have enabled them to accomplish that regrettable thing, will enable Orientals to dispossess us from this land, unless steps are taken to keep them out.

It suits the Star and people whom it represents to ignore the facts. It suits them to believe that, after all has been said, we are a troublesome lot of people in this part of the Dominion, who spend our time in skirmishing for the support of the labor vote. The truth of the matter is that we are a people who realize that we are face to face with the greatest movement of modern times. Possibly we may not always be as judicious as we might in dealing with it. Possibly some of us sometimes use language that would not look well in an official despatch. But we are in the right and time will prove it. A strange feature of the case is the fact that our critics choose to regard the whole question as one that concerns the Japanese alone. If that were the case, it would not be so alarming. On yesterday afternoon one might have seen upon Government street, enjoying the balmy sunshine, a score or so of well-dressed Hindus. They had clean turbans on their heads and their clothes, though perhaps not particularly fashionable, were new and comfortable. Those men, when they came here a year or less ago, were wretched looking creatures, ill-clad, half famished, and utterly woe-begone. We are not sorry that the land has dealt so well with them, but we cannot shut our eyes to the fact that each of these men is the most powerful agent for the promotion of immigration from India to Canada that could be devised. The Colonist has never attempted to conceal its reasons for opposing Oriental immigration with all its power. It is the very thing which these Hindus demonstrate, namely that, hopeless as they seem when first they come here, in a short time they can get their feet under them, and if they come in great numbers they will inevitably drive white labor out of the country. If any one supposes that the white race will give up British Columbia without a struggle he is badly mistaken. A collision will be certain to occur and when it comes it will be felt in India. We ask our critics if they do not believe it wise to take such steps now as will prevent any such collision. Must we allow fancied vanity on the part of Japan to stand in the way of our enacting such laws as will preserve our country for ourselves? Must we for fear of offending our ally keep an open door through which the gravest of all dangers may enter the Empire? With all respect to Japan, we venture to question the value of an alliance which would call for such a sacrifice.

We thank Mr. Frank R. Baily for his appreciative letter, and will endeavor on some future occasion to comply with his requests.

In order that the staff of the Colonist may have an unbroken Christmas holiday, no paper will be issued tomorrow morning.

It would never occur to the individual who was on the Victoria streets yesterday that there was anything like a financial stringency anywhere on this mundane sphere.

Mr. Stephen Jones, with his usual good taste, is giving out this season to his hosts of friends a very beautiful Christmas card, in which the excellencies of the Dominion hotel is suggested rather than stated.

Our evening contemporary thinks that the government has waited until the eleventh hour before withdrawing unstaked timber from license. Our contemporary's clock is fast it is not more than three o'clock.

It cannot be denied that Mayor Morley has succeeded in keeping the entire community in hot water ever since he assumed the reins of office, but the people would have preferred it cold.

The question involved in the Indian reserves has been brought prominently to the front by a speech by Mr. Oliver in the House of Commons. We will deal with the matter on a future occasion, but for the present will only say that we think the Secretary for the Interior takes in at least one essential particular, an erroneous view of the case.

We have our first aldermanic card this morning. It is that of Mr. A. M. Bannerman, who places his services at the disposal of the edectors of Ward No. 2. It is highly satisfactory to have a man of Mr. Bannerman's stamp enter the municipal field, and it will be an excellent thing for the city if his example leads others like him to take the same step.

The movement for Sunday observance is gathering strength in the United States at wonderful speed. As a newspaper, which is careful to avoid anything which interferes with the due observance of the day of rest, the Colonist is in full sympathy with the movement, which taken in connection with the anti-saloon crusade, may have very far-reaching effects.

The Berlin telegrams, telling of thousands of children who are on the verge of starvation perennially, make appalling reading. Nevertheless, we hear nothing of any decrease in the preparations of Germany for war. Millions are available to keep in order a vast machine for killing people, but the poor may starve. And this is at the close of the year of grace 1907.

In May, 1905, Mr. Arthur L. Adams, the San Francisco water expert made an exhaustive report on local conditions to the corporation of the city of Victoria. This cost in the neighborhood of $5,000. Nothing was done with it, so, on the principle that you cannot get too much of a good thing, it was decided to have Mr. Adams make another report on the same subject. He has done so. It will probably cost $2,000 or $3,000. In this second report Mr. Adams says: "My recommendations, save in some matters of detail, are identical with those embodied in my former report." In the citation of the foregoing facts is there anything disclosed to indicate that we ought not to have another report?

Mr. Adam's report on the water question has been made public. We understand that it is not complete, but he seems to have dealt with the principal points. While he does not claim to have added much to what he has already said on the subject, he seems to have presented the facts in such a form as will enable the public to understand them. The report calls for careful consideration and it does not seem expedient to attempt to deal with it at any length today. We note that Mr. Adams bases a part of his estimates upon the supposition that the future growth of the city will be substantially as it has been in the past. While this does not materially affect the accuracy of his calculations, it has an important bearing as to the general result of them.

That the Chinese are not the docile "hewers of wood and drawers of water" which some of our good friends, who, a short time ago were agitating to have the head tax removed, would have us believe, is shown by the fact that some of them are practicing the art of the footpad, and robbing white men. Of course it would be unfair not to say that the majority of the Chinese resident in this city are law-abiding; but that is not the point. The incident to which we have alluded is calculated to alarm thoughtful persons who realize what a grave danger would menace the community were the Asiatics to develop the criminal tendencies which are unquestionably latent in a very large number of them. They are sly, crafty, cunning, almost noiseless in their very movements—and how greatly these characteristics would hamper the police, can easily be imagined.

Mr. Thomas W. Lawson is going to start a new political party in the United States, and Mr. Roosevelt is to be its candidate for the presidency. It is not easy to know whether to take Mr. Lawson seriously or not. The fashion is to say that he is an unimportant factor in affairs, an advertiser, who plays upon public credulity in order to feather his own nest. But we are not as sure of this as some other people. A good many changes have come about since Lawson began the publication of "Frenzied Finance." Perhaps they did not all come about just as he expected, but we believe he did more to unsettle public confidence in the financial institutions and methods pursued in the United States than any one else. What success he will meet in his endeavor to organize a new political party, no one can tell, but almost every disinterested observer admits that a new party is needed in the United States and needed badly. As to the probabiltiy of Mr. Roosevelt becoming a candidate under the aegis of Mr. Lawson we should suppose it is exceedingly remote; but the Roosevelt cult has not spent its force and one never can tell what may happen.

In our Christmas number, when referring to Mr. D. W. Higgins' political and editorial career, we omitted to deal with his brilliant literary achievements and to remind our readers that he is the author of two of the most charming and readable works that have issued from the pen of a British Columbian. We refer to "The Mystic Spring," and "The Passing of a Race," books that have had a wide sale and that are now unfortunately out of print. As a raconteur Mr. Higgins has few equals and no superiors in the Province, and his graphic, witty and romantic descriptions of events which happened forty and fifty years ago have been compared favorably with the work of the gifted Bret Harte. Stories taken from "The Mystic Spring," have been translated for the German and French papers. The Colonist is pleased to hear that new editions of both works will soon be issued from the press of a New York publishing house to meet the local and foreign demand. They are books that will be read long after the author shall have passed away. It is intimated that Mr. Higgins has in preparation a new book to be entitled "Worshipping the Golden Calf," which will deal with the political, social and commercial history of British Columbia.

Suicide seems to be increasing in an appalling fashion. One can hardly pick up a paper these days without seeing reports of a number of cases, and a most alarming feature of the situation is the fact that the victims of the mania are in many instances people of refinement, culture and good social position. The case of John Grafton Herald, a young medical student of Queen's university, of Kingston, Ont., who killed himself at Winnipeg, is extremely sad. Coroner's juries usually bring in a verdict of "while temporarily insane." We are all agreed that to commit the crime of self-murder is prima facie evidence of insanity; but having taken this view of the matter we are not absolved to the duty of making an inquiry into the genesis of the horrible epidemic which seems to be sweeping over the world. Surely it is the most difficult of all problems, for are we not told by Solomon that "Man is born unto trouble, as the sparks fly upward." But, however much we may feel a sense of impotence, we must not stand idly by and witness the soul-searing spectacle of the ranks of the human family being decimated as a result of the operation of the canker of despair. What we can do, we know not, but to have acknowledged that we ought to concern ourselves about so momentous a question is at least the turning of our faces in the right direction.

SPIRIT OF THE PRESS

A Striking Illustration.

The United States navy department estimates that 8,000 mechanics will be rendered idle in Atlantic ports by the departure of the fleet for the Pacific. Such things suggest the extent of the waste on naval armament.—Toronto Globe.

Symptoms of Dry Rot.

Reports from Ottawa say there is dissatisfaction among Liberal members of Parliament over recent appointments to the cabinet, the senate and other positions of usefulness or emolument. It can be understood, also, why this is the case. At the same time, it is a bad thing for the party that evidences of soreness should be made public. When a party begins to think more of office-getting than of duty, its day is nearly done.—Montreal Gazette.

Not Over Yet.

Those who think that the crisis is over between the United States and Japan had better wait a little. A Washington correspondent talks very learnedly about the effect of a determined attitude and show of force upon the Oriental character. There is some truth in that. But the Oriental has another pleasing characteristic. He is never so polite, so ingratiating, so humble as when he is contriving one of those stratagems which, when we sing the national anthem, we ask a Higher Power to confound, one of those knavish tricks whose frustration we consider so desirable.—Winnipeg Telegram.

Socialism in England.

The danger by which England is said to be threatened at this moment is neither war, bankruptcy, nor disintegration. According to a writer who signs himself "Zarathustra" in The Westminster Review (London) it is Socialism, possibly revolutionary Socialism. The spread of Socialism in England during the last decade has indeed been phenomenal, and, as this writer observes, whereas ten years ago it was rare to meet a man of the middle class who was a Socialist, today they are to be numbered by tens of thousands. The present condition of the masses in England is characterized by profound discontent., England has come to a critical turning-point. "Yonder rising storm-cloud is big with mischief, big with change. He would indeed be a hasty man who would commit himself to the opinion that it is merely a passing shadow."—Winnipeg Tribune.

Real Business of Parliament.

The House of Commons has got down to real business in good time this season. It is doubtful if the members of Parliament look upon it in this light, but that is just what the voting of supply is. In this we mean much more than that the power of the purse has been the means of winning our political liberties. The power of the purse is still the most effective weapon left the Opposition in parliamentary warfare for forcing the government to grant redress of grievances.

It is quite true that the growth of caucus and the solidity of government majorities in these days has seriously whittled away the value of debate to Parliament. Obstruction is still, however, a power, and it can be used most effectively in the discussion over the estimates. There are very few measures that the government cannot afford to sacrifice, once they have obtained the wherewithal for carrying on the administration for another year. But, while the money hangs in the balance, the Opposition can make things very awkward for them by the simple process of untiring talking over the items.

This truth is fairly well appreciated in parliamentary circles; hence some part of the spring discussion usually hangs on pretty close to the end of the session. There is another sense in which supply is the real business of Parliament which is not so well appreciated. That is that Parliament comes closer to the real life of the people in this than in most of the processes of legislation. The effect of any particular law must always be doubtful and is almost always less than is expected The manner in which the means of carrying on government is taken from the people, and the methods by which it is expended, affect the whole economic life of the nation. In the criticism of this part of the government's policy the Opposition, therefore, have a task of vital import to the people. The mere scoring of partisan advantage is a waste of an opportunity and unfaithfuiness to a trust. Mere general cavilling is not enough; they should be prepared to challenge the government on particular votes. It may seem like endangering local interests of the party, but it is not the only way to convince the people of the sincerity of professions of economy. And wise economy—the use of the national resources in the best way is wanted at this stage to tide over the depression which in our vigorous country can be no more than temporary.—Montreal Star.

O Little Town of Bethlehem

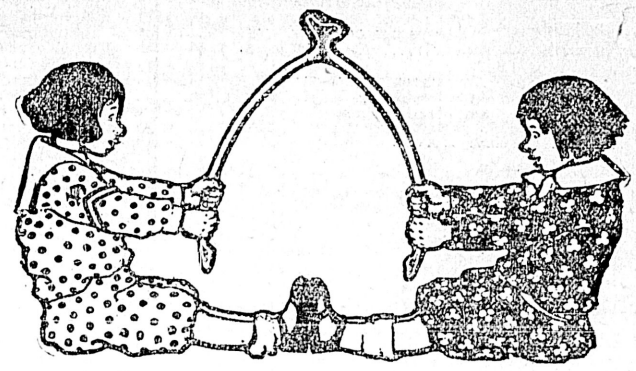
O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary,
And, gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together
Proclaim the holy birth!
And praises sing to God the King,
And peace to men on earth.

O holy Child of Bethlehem!
Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in,
Be born in us today.
Who hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell;
Oh, come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Emmanuel!

—Phillips Brooks.

About one woman in 100 keeps up her music after marriage, although they may have passed years of their own time and spent many dollars belonging to their fathers in study. The number that drops off in art is even greater, but writing has a fascination difficult to resist. A great deal of the writing done by women comes from homes, more or less comfortable and happy. Much of it is the kind not easily duplicated and it would be nonsense to compel such women to forget their talents. Many a son has been fitted for his life work by the ability of his mother to earn money at a steady rate.



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NOTE AND COMMENT

It would appear from an editorial in the Calgary Morning Albertan that the people of the enterprising city at the foothills of the Rockies are about to try the experiment of civic government by commissioners. Should the idea be carried into effect the result will be awaited with an interest which will be shared by others besides the ratepayers of Calgary. Says the Albertan:

The salary suggested for the Calgary members of the council as commissioners is almost as large as baseball players are paid in the large leagues, which seems to be the very limit of tall price. Some of the aldermen believe that the smallest salary that one could suggest is $2,500 a year. The Albertan maintains that $2,500 should be given for a $2,500 man. But the city must be very sure of getting the $2,500 man. There should be a general rearrangement of salaries in the city. The name of Thomas Burns was mentioned some time ago as a commissioner, and later as a candidate for mayor. But in each case it was thought that Mr. Burns was doing better in his own place, which was treasurer of the city. But Mr. Burns has a salary of just $1,000 less than that of the commissioners' proposed salary. So if we are to go on the principle of getting the very best men at the very best salary, and everything in proportion, it would be better to have a rearrangement all around.

Appropas of the report of the "holding-up" of white men by Chinamen, as given in our news columns yesterday, we reproduce the following from the Winnipeg Telegram as indicating how the police authorities find it difficult to apply the law in the case of Asiatics with criminal inclinations. It may be explained that the Telegram is commenting on the killing of two Chinamen under mysterious circumstances:

In order to discover the true inwardness of this occurrence or the perpetrators of the crime it would be necessary to know all the affiliations of these men, and also what they had done in China before they came to Canada. If certain Chinamen were arrested there is no method by which any assurance could be secured that they were the real authors of the deed. Chinamen can be hired to suffer under what they consider the ridiculous provisions of our law. They possess a penal code of their own which operates entirely separately from that of any country in which they happen to be living. If this code involves a sentence of death the sentence is executed with perfect certainty and without possibility of detection.

In all probability every Chinaman in Winnipeg knows exactly why these men were killed and who killed them. But the chance of our justice ever discovering more than the fact that they were killed, is extremely remote.

No doubt many people, who, for obvious reasons, have hesitated about saying so, have felt that the ringing of church bells is a nuisance. Most of us have known instances where, in case of sickness in homes closely adjacent to churches, it has been found necessary to request that the practice shall cease temporarily. But the custom has so long been regarded indissolubly connected with Sabbath observance in Christian communities that seldom has any person had sufficient courage to protest against what, in the last analysis, must be declared an absolutely unnecessary proceeding. With these brief observations we direct the atention of our readers to the following dispatch from London, which we take from the columns of the Montreal Witness:

London, Dec. 14.—To the great satisfaction of distracted workers in the city, who have long complained of the constant church bell ringing, which occurs almost daily in various churches in accordance with an old custom, the Society for the Betterment of London has prepared a petition asking the Home Secretary for greater power in dealing with street noises, and that the police may have authority to prevent unnecessary noises, and furthermore, that church bells be placed in the category of street nuisances.

We direct the attention of the health authorities and the public generally to the appended statement taken from the columns of the Montreal Witness. It appears that revelations made in England recently, showing an amazing number of errors in dispensing, have been the cause of much perturbation and consternation among those using drugs. The numerous mistakes are all the more suprising when it is known that the Pharmaceutical society has raised the standard of its examinations so high that it is most difficult for chemists, or, as we say, druggist, to get apprentices.

Dr. Frank L. Teed, the public analyst for the city of London, is authority for the statement that about eighty-six out of every hundred of the prescriptions sent to him for examination were wrongly propounded; while one bottle was 55 per cent. deficient in one drug, and another had 49 per cent. too little ferrous carbonate in its composition. Such serious errors in matters so vital would be incredible if the accusation was not made by a supreme authority. It is presumable that samples submitted were for some reason under suspicion, but even so, the result is startling, and will make the public all the more willing to acquiesce in the present attitude of the medical profession with regard to the use of drugs. As a result of these disclosures, a circular letter has been issued by the city of London health department, warning all chemists within its jurisdiction of the importance of the subject. Health authorities everywhere might well take advantage of this warning and follow its example. A new school tells us that "medicine is a means of amusing a patient while nature cures disease." But even assuming that drugs are of little positive benefit, inaccurately compiled prescriptions are always a menace of danger, and not infrequently have been the cause of fatalities.

FORTY YEARS AGO

The British Colonist,
Wednesday, December 25, 1867.

This being Christmas Day, no paper will be issued from our office tomorrow.

Alhambra Hall.—George Edwards will test his vocal powers by singing one hundred songse tonight at Alhambra Hall. Singing will commence at 6½ o'clock.

Ball at Port Gamble on St. John's Day.—Franklin Lodge, No. 5, A.F. & A.M. will give a Masonic ball at Teckelit on Friday. The Eliza Anderson sailed at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon to carry passengers to the scene of festivity.

The Eliza Anderson arrived from Puget Sound yesterday with passengers and freight. Among the pasengers was Hon. Wm. Newall, editor of the Walla Walla Statesman and member of the Washington Territory legislature.

The Wires.—There seems to be little or no prospect of telegraphic communication with San Francisco being resumed for some weeks. Portland, Oregon, is in a similar position with ourselves—the line to that place being down for two weeks.

The Recent Floods.—The floods throughout the adjacent territory have been of a most serious character. A great part of the bottom land along the Cowichan river was under water for a week. Houses, barns and large quantities of live stock were swept away. The town of Monticello was completely destroyed and the site was ten feet under water, while the Cowlitz river, near the point of its confluence with the Columbia, has cut a new channel through a farm. On White river, near Seattle, the water inundated the country and inflicted great damage on the settlers; but, so far as we have heard, no human lives were lost.

The Prince of Wales commenced discharging yesterday morning. Every package is in excellent order.

Latest from Cariboo.—The steamer Enterprise returned from New Westminster last night at 11 o'clock with 30 passengers and $100,000 for the banks and Barnard's Express. The mail and express was unusually large. Business was lively at the diggings. A good deal of snow had fallen in the district. The wagon road was in a deplorable condition, and scarcely travelable. The express was four days in reaching New Westminster from Yale, the river being frozen across in several places.

ABOUT PEOPLE

"Sir William Garstin's appointment to succeed Sir John Ardagh as a British Government Director of the Suez canal is regarded," says the Times Cairo correspondent, "as of great importance, as he is the first British representative on the Board who has combined the highest technical experience and knowledge with great administrative ability.... The news has been received here with great satisfaction, tempered, however, by general regret that Egypt is soon to lose an administrator who for twenty-two out of thirty-six years of public service has rendered immense benefits to the country and won the confidence and esteem of all classes of the community." In this connection the correspondent cites a warm panegyric of Sir W. Garstin from one of a series of articles entitled "Our Advisers," published by various organs of the National Press, in which other high British officials are handled with scant courtesy.

The Indian railway system recently dislocated by a strike which is a symptom of a very remarkable labor movement, has been for the past three years under the control of the Railway board, an authority created by Lord Curzon to replace the old railway administration of the Public Works Department. The board consists of three members—two Anglo-Indian officials and one practical railway expert appointed from England. The president is Sir Frederick Upcott who has been connected for close upon forty years with the construction and direction of Indian railways. Of the other members one is Colonel T. R. Wynne, who has found room for his talent for railway development and commercial enterprise in China as well as in India, and is one of the most popular officials in the country. The other is Mr. W. H. Wood, who having made a reputation as manager of the Hull and Barnsley railway, was chosen by Lord Curzon as the right kind of man to adapt Western methods to the railways of India. The Indian railway board is endowed with wide powers, and it is to this body that the public, and the British commercial community especially, will look for the exercise of conciliation.

Mr. Alfred Praga, who is the latest artist to receive sittings from King Edward, is best known as the president of the Society of Miniaturists, says M. A. P. In fact, he was the founder of the society, and is regarded as one of the ablest living exponents of the delicate art. Dr. Lumsden Propert, perhaps the greatest authority on miniatures and miniature painting, has been unstinting in praise of Mr. Praga and his work. The new commission for a portrait of the King comes from Sir William Treloar, who intends presenting the picture to the Savage club in commemoration of his term of office as Lord Mayor of London. Mr. Praga was born at Liverpool, a city responsible for so many exponents of art and letters. He was, however, not intended as a knight of the palette, but as a follower of Aesculapius. But medicine failed to appeal to him, and he drifted gently away from it into art. His miniatures soon became the vogue, and the restoration to popularity of this method of portraiture is greatly due to him. But he is not limited to this microscopic vehicle of artistic expression. He is particularly happy when, away on his holidays, he can afford to shelve clamoring commissions and indulge to the full his bent for landscape painting on a fairly large scale.

Playwright—Is her acting natural?
Manager (enthusiastically)—Natural? Why, when she appeared as the dying mother last night an insurance agent who has her life insured for $25,000, and who was in the audience, actually fainted!—Tit-Bits.

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BRITISH OPINION

London Times—Because for some weeks past there has been no anti-Oriental rioting in California or British Columbia, people are apt to imagine that the racial difficulty is settled, or is settling itself. The letter from our special correspondent, which we publish this morning, is a reminder that this is far from the truth. . . It is admitted that the state of feeling on the Pacific coast, American and Canadian, is such that some kind of regulations will have to be made by which Oriental immigration may be kept under government control. What that control should be, and how the amour propre of so powerful a nation as Japan is to be respected, are questions which will need all the diplomacy, all the tact, of which each side is capable. We may regard it as certain that Japan will not consent to any treaty excluding Japanese or Asiatic as such. The west cannot expect to build the kind of wall of exclusion with which Japan surrounded herself in the old days, and which the west beat down by force some forty years ago. If Asiatic immigration is to be controlled, it must be by some more tolerable method, a method less deeply offensive to the pride of a nation that has lately proved its strength in a struggle against all the power of Russia. It is possible that a solution might be found on the analogy of Australian legislation, which, though dictated mainly by the same jealousy of Asiatic labor competition, has not been found inadmissible by Tokio. That legislation at least offers a precedent and precedents are invaluable in diplomacy. Moreover, if something of the kind can be arranged, it is possible that in course of time the common sense of the dwellers on the Pacific coast, the sense of what their own interests imperatively demand, may come to outweigh the selfish arguments of the agitators and the labor party. It may even penetrate that party itself, and gradually convert it to the view that a plentiful supply of such unskilled labor as will develop the elementary resources of the country will mean not less but more work for the skilled white workman, not lower wages but ultimately higher, not less prosperity but more.

London Standard—That the country as a whole should, with but a partial and an ineffective protest, tacitly endorse the grave reductions in the Fleet, and tamely contemplate its progressive disorganization and demoralization, is hardly an encouraging circumstance. But that both Parliament and the country should, at the same time, permit, without a word of remonstrance, the Government to submit proposals to The Hague conference, whose mere prosposition is a national humiliation, and whose adoption and ratification would cut away the very foundations of maritime power—this, we cannot but reflect, is of an evil augury. In another and a more vigorous age, it is the plain truth that Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman would have been impeached. Today, his expressed determination to reduce "provocative expenditure" is the theme of his friends' adulation; while his political opponents are content to let matters take their course. Mr. Bellairs speaks, as one not without hope, of an "impending naval crisis." But the nation has been confronted with such a crisis for the last twelve months—to go no further back; and the awakening anticipated by Mr. Bellairs may come too late.

London Morning Post.—If Liberals really had confidence in their own capacity to deal with the Irish problem, they would not hesitate to put the agitators out of the way for a few years pending the pacification and regeneration of the country. With a contented generation, convinced by the experience of their daily lives that their prosperity was bound up with the Union, the days of agrarian violence incited by politicians would be at an end. It is the duty of Unionists therefore to couple their demand for the enforcement of law with a constructive policy to carry on the work begun by their own party of restoring agricultural prosperity to Ireland. But prosperity would constitute no safeguard of the Union unless it was felt that Home Rule would destroy it. Already much has been done to increase the output of agricultural produce in Ireland. But Irish butter and Irish meat enter the markets of Great Britain upon precisely the same terms as the produce not merely of the self-governing dominions, but even of foreign countries, such as Denmark and the Argentine. The Irish are therefore justified in supposing that under Home Rule they would enjoy just the same facilities in respect of markets as they do today. But, if the fiscal policy of the United Kingdom were such that all producers within this national circle enjoyed preference in the national market against all their oversea competitors, colonial or foreign, then Irish agriculturists would be compelled to take a very different view about the Union. So far from the national and Imperial problems of Unionist policy being distinct in respect of the treatment they respectively require, tariff reform and preference are as necessary for the one purpose or for the other.

LETTERS TO EDITOR

A Letter on Literature.

Sir—Allow me to offer you a Xmas greeting and a humble tribute of praise for your valuable paper. In these days of trashy literature and worse than trashy, it is refreshing to turn to the Colonist, and to think that thoughts that are noble, true, clean and instructive, are not yet crushed out of existence by the ignoble, dirty, misleading rubbish so greedily devoured by old and young. Not long ago, thinking it was a philosophical work I borrowed from our "traveling library" a work, "The Evolution of Marriage." I found it the filthiest thing I ever came across. Such filthy sentences occurred that the author (thank goodness I forget his name—a Frenchman) exclaimed "Fie apothecary, an ounce of civet!" I wrote to Mr. Elberts, at that time attorney general, and he ordered its return immediately, or it might have been doing its devilish work at the present time. How ever it got into the library, it should be criminal negligence.

After this I wrote to Sir W. Laurier and he handed my letter to the P. M. G. who in turn placed it into the minister of customs as it was published in France and as he said would most likely come into Canada by freight.

Since this a book, if possible more damnable than the first has come to my notice, although I have not seen it, there is a copy of it not a hundred yards from my door. It is a blasphemous "Bible Comically Illustrated.' I don't know if that is its absolute title but that is what it is, and this is shown as a very funny thing, to many young people by a young woman not long since confirmed in the English church in Saanichton by Bishop Perrin, I believe, but now an atheist.

In the midst of such infernal literature I say it is pleasing to find such an oasis in this desert as the Colonist affords, and an article on "What Books Shall Be Read?" might do good.

The kind manner in which you have invited your readers to suggest for the "Hour with the Editor" gives them a living interest in the paper, and when you can afford space I should like to suggest Swedenborg, the Philosopher and Theologian." That so learned, great and good a man should be so little known, can only be attributed to the narrow-minded despotism of the church. The man who wrote "The Life of Religion is to do Good," is the man the world is in need of hearing, at a time when religion seems in peril of perishing. The man who gave up everything to devote his days to studying the Holy Bible and spent his fortune in publishing in Latin his great works, and who, though a friend of the then King of Sweden and a Swedish noble, gave up all earthly honors and ended his days in a humble dwelling in London, is the man of whom the world would be better for knowing more about, and when I read your religious articles I sometimes think you must have read some of his works. That you are not afraid of making your opinions public when you have the clergy in view is evidenced in many an article in the Colonist.

In these days people think in flocks, or let the clergy think for them; they do not say is such a thing true, but is it orthodox? and to such a state of spiritual slavery is mankind reduced that scarcely a man dares to risk the boycott of ecclesiasticism by thinking aloud. It is, therefore, all the more refreshing that the Colonist reserves the right of thinking for itself and of publishing its thought.

If I have trespassed too much upon your time I trust you will forgive me.

FRANK R. BAILY.

The Personal Factor in History.

"There are such things as general causes governing the march of events. But it is no less the fact that there appear now and then men of such exceptional force that they effect the march of events, and make its course different—so far as we can judge—from what it would have been if these men had not appeared," writes Mr. James Bryce in the Christmas issue of the Pall Mall Magazine.

"One of the chief reasons why we can so little predict the future is our inability to forsee what individual man will appear to lead other men. Six years ago people who knew the broad facts of the situation might have foretold that there would be a conflict between Russia and Japan, and might have foretold also that the Japanese would, with their intense patriotism and their strenuous earnestness in fitting themselves for war, prove formidable antagonists. No one, however, could have foretold the respective talents for naval and military strategy of the Japanese and Russian commanders; yet it is to these talents that the course of events has been largely due.

"Accordingly the careful and cautious student of history will not venture to lay down many general propositions regarding the respective importance of general causes on the one hand, and of the personal factor on the other. Perhaps he will not go beyond such statements as the following:—The most potent forces in history, and the most widely operative, are the general causes. No single man can turn back or even stem these forces when they have already become strong.

"But it is only after the event that we can tell how strong a force it has become. There is no way of measuring it except by the result. Accordingly an individual man who finds himself opposed to a tendency which appears to be at the moment dominant ought not to cease to resist it, for it may prove to be weaker or more transient than it seems. His resistance may lead others to resist whose antagonism has not yet declared itself.

"Although general causes move the world and sweep individuals before them, the individual is not therefore unimportant. A movement may be general and irresistible. But the personality of the man who leads it may accelerate it if he is bold and resourceful, may retard it if he is overprudent, may turn it into some particular line, may color it by his own beliefs or passions, may place it on a higher or a lower moral level. The personal factor may be great and have enduring consequences, even though the tendency existed before the man appeared and continues after he has vanished. . . . .

"Someone may suggest that if Cromwell and Napoleon Bonapart and Bismark and George Washington and Abraham Lincoln had not appeared to do the work they did, others would have arisen, equally capable of doing it, though perhaps in a different way. To this suggestion there are two answers. One is that it is pure conjecture. The other answer is that history shows eus many occasions when the great man was needed, and when the need of him was actually felt, and yet when he did not appear.

"The greatnes of some men is largely due to favoring conditions. Other men, perhaps more brilliant, achieve less than their powers seemed to promise, because they were not quite in key with their own age. Perhaps they were ahead of it."

A Statesman's Pluck

One night at Brook's when Coke was present, Fox, in allusion to something that had been said, made a very disparaging remark about government powder. Adam (attorney general to the Prince of Wales), who heard it, considered it as a personal reflection and sent Fox a challenge. At the time appointed Fox went out and took his station, standing full face to his adversary. Fitzgerald pointed out to him that he ought to stand sideways.

"What does it matter?" protested Fox, "I am as thick one way as the other!"

The signal to fire was given. Adam fired, but Fox did not. His seconds, greatly excited, told him that he must fire.

"I'll be damned if I do!" said Fox. "I have no quarrel!"

Wherupon the two adversaries advanced to shake hands. "Adam," said Fox, complacently, "You'd have killed me if it hadn't been for the badness of government powder!"—London Spectator.

A stranger approached a little girl who was somewhat accustomed to interviews with the usual question, What's your name, litle girl?"

The little girl, without looking up from her sand pie, replied, "My name is Edith, and I'm four. She's my little sister; her name's Mildred and she's two. I don't want to go with you and be your little girl, and I know you can't steal my little sister.—Harper's Weekly.

GUESTS AT CITY HOTELS

At the Dominion—
Mrs. T. A. Peacock, Duncan.
Miss Shantz, Duncan.
J. A. Bostwck, Morden, Man.
W. Cook, Crofton.
Geo. Ripley, Vancouver.
Mr. and Mrs. Forsyth, Vancouver.
H. P. Petre, Portland.
R. R. Macfarlane, Portland.
H. Brown, Portland.
P. Edwards, Vancouver.
Alf. Chennell, Vancouver.
Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hudson, Vancouver.
Capt. McKillop, Vancouver.
W. C. Hind, Delta.
Jas. Kelly, Delta.
D. M. McKellar, Brandon.
Peter Jeffrey, Brandon.
Mr. and Mrs. John Clark, Brandon.
Miss Clark, Brandon.
E. R. Bennett and family, Vancouver.
Geo. W. Irving, Summerland.
W. A. Smith, Summerland.
W. Johnson, Shields.
Prof. J. C. Richardson, M. D., Vancouver.
R. J. Fisher, Vancouver.
J. Rogers, Vancouver.
W. A. McAfee, Ganges.
Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Thompson, Sidney.

At the King Edward—
H. H. McConkey, Winnipeg.
J. F. Boynton, Nanaimo.
W. H. Litcher, Nanaimo.
W. J. Bathgate, Vancouver.
Chas. Morgan, Harmattan.
Frank J. Blackburn, Wahpeton.
Jas. S. Hewett, Vancouver.
J. MacDougall, Vancouver.
J. W. Bartlett, Calgary.
H. A. Porter, Vancouver.
J. Cerusky, Vancouver.
T. Newly Varty, Vancouver.
Dan Taylor, Vancouver.
F. Goldie, N. Saanich.

At the Balmoral—
L. Calnan, Keatings.
Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Houston, Seattle.
T. Brown, Sydney, C. B.
J. P. Fulton, Colwood.
A. J. Collison, Vancouver.
Rev. H. A. Collison, Naas River.
Geo. E. Gibson, Prince Rupert.

At the St. Francis—
J. Rogers, Sidney.
Thos. Gray, Ft. William.
S. Brighouse, Vancouver.
Mr. and Mrs. E. Hocusslein, New York.
Miss Bird, London, Eng.
Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Turney, Seattle.
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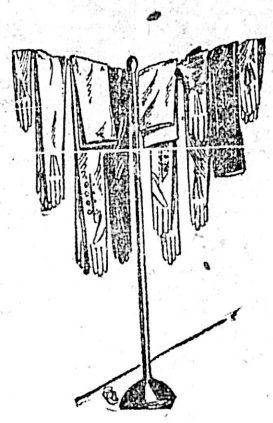
What to Get for Him



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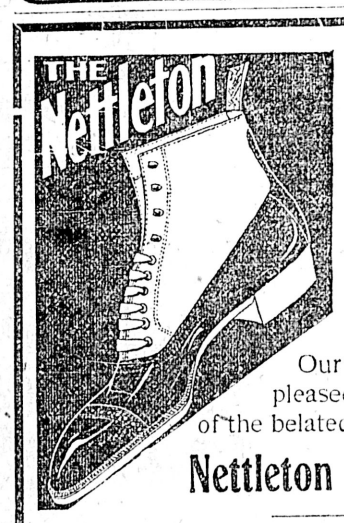

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The Royal Dairy, 642 Fort street, have removed into their fine new quarters, 1004 Broad street, Pemberton block, where they will hereafter be found. The Royal Dairy have very much enlarged not only their plant but their business scope, having added one of the largest freezers to be found on the coast. They are now in a position to supply the public with fresh butter, fresh milk, cream, ice cream and butter milk daily, delivered or called for at the dairy, 1004 Broad street.

ARE UNDER ARREST FOR INDULGING IN FIGHT

Sequel to the Prize Contest at Goldstream to Be Heard in Police Court

The second round of the bare-knuckle prize fight between James Barnswell and Oliver Fischer, which was pulled off in a barn at Goldstream a week ago this morning, will be fought out in the Provincial police court on Friday, with Magistrate Jay as the official referee. It will be an unlimited contest, but instead of London prize ring rules, the Canadian Criminal code will prevail. No admission fee will be charged and ringside seats will be free for the asking.

Yesterday the provincial police department issued summonses against the principals in the prize fight, requiring their attendance at court on Friday to answer to the charge of disturbing the peace by participating in a prize fight contrary to law. Only one of the pair was located, however. Barnswell, the negro, who was worsted in the bout at Goldstream, was served with the blue paper, but Fischer concluded that rather than do any fighting with the law it would be better to show some fast footwork that won the fight for him with Barnswell, and so he hurriedly left for Seattle.

A number of those who witnessed the bout will be subpoenaed to give evidence as to the nature of the contest, and altogether a lively bout is expected between the minions of the law and Barnswell when the gong sounds for the start of the second round.

NEWS OF THE CITY

Christmas Eve Run

A smouldering fire in a pile of sawdust near the Sayward mill gave the fire brigade a run at 8 o'clock last night. No damage was done and the blaze was quickly put out.

Young People Contribute

The secretary of the Orphans' Home acknowledges with thanks the receipt of $41.85, being the proceeds of a concert given recently by the young people of Sydney, B. C.

Christmas Entertainment

The Sunday school of the Metropolitan Methodist church will give its Christmas cantata at Spring Ridge tomorrow afternoon, and on Friday evening a Christmas tree party will be given in the church.

Express Company Summoned

A summons was issued yesterday, returnable on Thursday, charging the manager of the Dominion Express company with having caused an obstruction in Broughton street by permitting a wagon top to remain in the street contrary to the city by-law.

Large Deer Shot.

A deer of 180 pounds was shot recently by W. E. Losee, superintendent of the Vancouver Island Portland Cement company, recently close to the Saanich Arm. It is believed to be one of the largest deers ever killed on this island.

Metropolitan Epworth League

Despite the fact that the night was stormy, a fair sized audience was entertained Monday evening by the missionary department of the league. Mr. Hardwick's address on home missionary work was listened to with rapt attention. On New Year's eve the league will hold a reception from 8 p. m. to 11 p. m. to which the public is cordially invited.

Annual Christmas Tree

On Friday evening the annual Christmas tree of the Congregational church will be held in the church, Pandora street. Supper will be served at 6 o'clock and a short musical programme will be rendered, after which the interesting event of the evening, the unloading of the tree will be accomplished. A week later the Christmas cantata which is being prepared will be given.

"Christmas Cheer"

The Colonist staff acknowledges with thanks the receipt of boxes of cigars from the following: H. Dallas Helmcken, K. C.; James Lemon, of the Lemon, Gonnason company; Ald. W. J. Hanna, and E. R. Ricketts, proprietor of the Victoria theatre. To all their friends they desire to express the heartiest of best wishes for the Merriest of Merry Christmases and the Happiest of Happy New Years.

Purloined Silverware

While making a purchase in a Douglas street store yesterday afternoon, W. Staneland left his wagon standing on the road outside. When he returned to it he found that a box of silverware had been purloined by some thief. The silverware had been purchased but a few minutes earlier by Mr. Staneland for a Christmas box for a friend. The theft was reported to the police but no trace of the thief has been found.

Telephone Cables Laid

The government telephone cables between Union Bay and Denman island, Hornby and Denman islands and Beavor Point, Salt Spring island and Pender island has been laid. The Dominion government tug Petrel returned to port this morning after completing the work. Several miles of cable in all was laid. The new line which will open as soon as possible will connect the islands with Vancouver island and should prove of considerable service to the residents of these outlying districts.

GIFTS FOR POLICE

Many Friends Remember the Boys in Blue on the Eve of Christmas

The members of the local police force were not forgotten by their many friends on this Christmas. All day long messages of good will were telephoned to the station, and many gifts were sent to the bluecoats. Among those who contributed to the good cheer of the stalwarts were the following: W. R. Smith, cigars; Queens hotel, cigars; Charles Hayward, cigars; Ald. Henderson, cigars; I. Lancaster, of the Army & Navy Clothing store, cigars; George Lund, cigars; H. Courtney, cigars; H. Dallas Helmcken, cigars, and H. Stadhagen who sent to each member of the force a pair of Yukon gold cuff links. The police wish to take this opportunity of thanking their many friends for the gifts which are much appreciated.

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Celebrate Christmas

St. Columba Sunday school will give its annual Christmas entertainment in the church on Friday evening next at 8 o'clock, when a large number of prizes will be distributed. All are cordially invited to attend.

ROUTINE BUSINESS

The Council Deals With Minor Matters—The Creosoting Plant is Ready

At Monday night's meeting of the council the finance committee recommended in connection with the application of the Victoria Poultry and Pet Stock association for a donation in aid of that association's annual exhibition that the application be referred to the incoming council for favorable consideration.

Andrew Gray, contractor for the creosoting plant, reported to the council that the plant has now been completed and the steam is on, and that he would be pleased to show it to any of the council desiring to examine the plant. The mayor will arrange a date on which the council will visit the plant and witness its operation. Alderman Hall suggested that the electrical engineer should report on the plant before the city takes it over.

The Brackman-Ker Milling company wrote regarding the delay in the laying of the granolithic walk around their new premises on Pandora street. The work will be immediately proceeded with.

Thomas M. Palmer, wrote the council asking for a grant of $50 for the Seaman's Institute. The request was referred to the finance committee.

Dr. C. J. Fagan's request for a copy of the annual report of the city health department will be granted. The city medical officer will be asked to prepare his report forthwith and submit it to the council.

A petition signed by Beaumont Boggs, and others, complaining of the impassable condition of Hereward street was referred to the streets, bridges and sewers committee.

William Commode wrote complaining of the dangerous proximity of the plant used for the tarring of blocks. The plant is near his residence on Yates street and already two fires have been occasioned by the burning tar. He will be informed that the city will in future use its creosoting plant.

Accounts to the amount of $1,760.58 were passed and ordered paid with the exception of two, one for work done in pulling down condemned houses, which had no voucher attached, and another for legal expenses. These two were held over.

In connection with the claim of Rebecca McIntosh for compensation for injuries received through a bale of hay falling upon her as she was passing behind a wagon belonging to the Brackman-Ker company, and which accident, she contended was the fault of the bad sidewalk at the old market building, the city solicitor advised that the city is not liable. The matter was referred to the mayor.

THE WEATHER

Meteorological office, Victoria, B. C., at 8 p. m., December 24, 1907:

SYNOPSIS.

The pressure is again giving way on the Vancouver Island and Washington coast and weather conditions in this district continue unsettled. Rain has fallen at Fort Simpson and over a foot of snow at Barkerville and heavy rain on the Oregon coast. East of the Rockies the weather is cold with light snowfall at scattered places.

TEMPERATURE.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria, B. C.	41	45
Vancouver	33	44
New Westminster	34	44
Kamloops	30	40
Barkerville	28	40
Fort Simpson	36	46
Atlin	2	12
Dawson, Y. T.	..	..
Calgary, Alta.	14	32
Winnipeg, Man.	10 below	4
Portland, Ore.	44	46
San Francisco, Cal.	40	46

FORECASTS.

For 24 hours from 5 a. m. (Pacific Time) Wednesday:

Victoria and Vicinity: Increasing easterly or southerly winds, unsettled with rain tonight or Thursday.

Lower Mainland: Easterly or southerly winds, increasing on straits, unsettled with rain tonight or Thursday.

TUESDAY.

Highest	48
Lowest	41
Mean	43

Rain, .06 inch; sunshine, 48 minutes.

TIDE TABLE.

Victoria, B. C., December, 1907.

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The height is measured from the level of the lower low water at spring tides. This level corresponds with the datum to which the soundings on the Admiralty chart of Victoria harbor are referred, as closely as can now be ascer-

An old antebellum negro in a small southern town was arrested and brought before the village magistrate for drunkenness. He asked for a lawyer who had hedped him out of scrapes before, and the magistrate sent for the attorney.

The young man came into the little office, where the usual crowd of spectators had gathered, and asked the old negro, "Well, William, what are you charged with this time?"

Sadly the ancient colored man replied "Boss, I's charged with whiskey!"—Harper's Weekly.

A young man of Boston who had failed to pay his laundry bill endeavored to turn his Chinaman aside from inquiry by an attack upon the Celestial's manner of speech.

"Why do you say 'Fliday,' John?" he asked.

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ACCUSES THE MAYOR OF BREACH OF FAITH

Frank Higgins Writes Regarding His Worship's Course at Revision

The tangle which has arisen with regard to the failure of the city council to advertise for five days as required by statute before holding the Court of Revision promises many more developments. The statutes say that the council before December 10, must appoint the members of the court and must advertise for five days prior to the holding of the court, which must sit on December 21st, and from day to day thereafter until the business before it is disposed of.

Mr. Frank Higgins, for the Property Owners' association, appeared before the court when it met Saturday last to object to 495 names of women allowed to remain on the voter's lists, but, owing to the required advertisement not having been given the court was adjourned. As the court was not held on December 21st., as required by statute the question arose as to whether subsequent proceedings would be legal, and the matter was on Monday taken before Mr. Justice Irving, who ruled that the court cannot sit before Jan. 3. Mr. Higgins now claims that this order was secured by Mayor Morley by underhand methods and yesterday he forwarded the following self-explanatory letter to the mayor:

December 24, 1907.

A. J. Morley, Esq., Mayor,
Chairman of the Court of Revision,
Victoria, B. C.

Sir,—I have ascertained that yesterday an application, through your instrumentality, was made before Mr. Justice Irving in which his opinion was sought as to the time in which the court of revision for the revision of the voters' list should sit in consequence of the neglect of the city officials to give proper notice of the sitting of the court in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Elections act. In writing this letter I wish to place myself on record, as counsel for the Victoria Property Owners' association, by stating that objection is taken to the improper manner in which this application was made. I appeared before the court of revision yesterday at 10 o'clock and you informed me in the presence of Ald. Hall, one of the members of the court, that the sitting of the court of revision would be postponed until the 26th inst., and that nothing would be done in the meantime, and you assured me that if any proceedings were taken relative to the court of revision that I would be notified. After the court of revision adjourned, proceedings were had before Mr. Justice Irving and the question was argued without me being notified. It seems to me that this action of applying to the learned judge was a breach of good faith on your part and in making this statement I am strengthened by the fact that last year the court of revision of which you were chairman, just prior to the last municipal election, at which you were a candidate for the mayoralty, struck from the list of voters over a hundred names. A demand was made on you to certify to the list of voters as revised by the then court of revision so that formal application could be made to the court before the election so as to have the names reinstated. You refused to certify to the list of voters so that the application could not be made. It was necessary for me to take out a mandamus to compel you to certify to the list, which you did shortly before the mandamus proceedings were heard in court and the court on hearing the application reinstated the names on the voters' list. I have attended every sitting of the present court of revision and I have formally notified the court that I object to 495 names being on the list as voters, and that it will take many days for the court to inquire into these names and that if the court does not proceed to settle the matter forthwith and sit continuously from to day that the matter cannot be decided before the election. In appearing before the court of revision and objecting in the way I did I have a status before the court in accordance with the Municipal Elections act as representing a complainant. In view of the fact that I have such status and the further fact that you assured me that nothing could be done unless I was notified I wish you to distinctly understand that I object to the manner in which you had the question decided by the Supreme Court without due notice to me. If you continue to pursue this course in discharging public duties it will not be strange if the public will have no confidence in the determinations of the court of revision of which you are the chairman.

FRANK HIGGINS.

SAILORS ARE RELEASED

Men Convicted of Broaching Cargo Are Dismissed on Suspended Sentence

John E. Vernon and William O'Brien were allowed out on suspended sentence yesterday, after Mr. Morphy, for the crown, had announced that the department of justice had no objections. While this result had been expected, the men were overjoyed at their narrow escape, and promised to be careful of their behavior in the future.

Before dismissing them in their own recognizances to appear for sentence when called upon, Judge Lampman read them a lecture, and announced that the court would not be so lenient again with offenders charged with the same crime. Broaching a ship's cargo was a serious offense, punishable with fourteen years' imprisonment, and it was only the youth and previous good character of the accused that prompted the exceptional leniency.

The result of the trial met with general satisfaction, for while those who were in court during the trial entertained no doubt that the two men had been concerned in the theft of the liquor, it was the opinion of many that there were others concerned in the crime who had been shielded by the two boys arrested.

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MILD CLIMATE OF ISLANDS

Tables Compiled on Hornby Island Show Conditions in Gulf of Georgia

The following tables giving the temperature and rainfall on Hornby Island, B. C., is indicative of the mild climate enjoyed by the islands of the Gulf of Georgia as well as Victoria and Vancouver Island generally:

TEMPERATURE.

Date--	Min.	Max.
December 8, 1907	30	46
December 9	36	42
December 10	43	47
December 11	37	47
December 12	39	44
December 13	34	44
December 14	31	50
December 15	30	40
December 16	28	41
December 17	30	38
December 18	33	38

RAINFALL.

December 8, 1907	.02
December 9	.66
December 10	.05
December 11	.14
December 12	.49
December 13	.42
December 14	.02
December 15	.19
December 16	—
December 17	.02
December 18	—

WANTS DEPORTED ALL THE INDIGENT HINDUS

City Will Ask Dominion Immigration Officials to Act at Once

The city will in all likelihood endeavor to get the immigration authorities to take steps to deport a great many of the Hindus who are at present residing in Victoria. The matter has already been taken up by the city authorities with Dr. Milne, Dominion immigration officer, who has stated that the federal authorities will be willing to deport any of the Hindus who are indigent or are liable to become a charge upon the city.

Mayor Morley stated at Monday night's council meeting that G. D. Kumar, the Hindu priest, who is in the city looking after his fellow countrymen, had applied to the city for work for the Hindus and had stated that the latter are in poor condition. He asked the city to provide a shelter for those unable to work, about 100. There are about 300 Hindus here and of these about 200 are out of work.

Yesterday a large number of the Hindus appeared at the city hall looking for work through the means of the civic employment bureau, but probably they got wind of the fact that the city would like to deport them, for they all suddenly disappeared and failed to put in their applications. It is not the intention of the civic bureau to give these Hindus work in preference to the strong, healthy Anglo-Saxon applicants.

After some discussion by the council it was decided to get the Dominion immigration official to order deported any of the Hindus at present indigent or likely to become so.

While discussing the matter of the Hindus Ald. Fell asked if there had been any inquiry as to the Chinaman who had recently died in the police cells. He wanted to know by what authority the Chinaman had been placed in the police station. He did not think the owners of the boat from which the Chinaman had been taken had any right to put him behind the bars. It looked very much as if the steamboat people did not want to pay for the trouble of watching the man.

Ald. Gleason, who had been a member of the coroner's jury at the inquest on the Chinaman's body, informed the council that the Chinaman had been put in the cells on an order from Dr. Milne and that the expenses were to be paid by the boat people.

NEW CONTESTANTS IN SOUTH SAANICH FIGHT

Three Candidates for Office of Reeve—New Aspirants for Councillorship

There is likely to be a spirited fight at the forthcoming elections in South Saanich. Already two opponents of the present reeve, John Brydon, are spoken of as being in the field—J. Snelling, secretary of the Victoria Creamery company, and J. Quick, who has been a councillor during the past year. Reeve Brydon is expected to be again in the running, and the contest for the office will likely be a three-cornered one.

In the fight for councillorship honors the roster is indefinite. With the exception of Councillor Puckle, who is definitely out of the running, none of the present councillors have as yet made any announcement, but it is said that all will again enter the fight. Of new contestants the only one so far announced is Joseph Nicholson, who will enter as a candidate for the Cedar Hill ward.

TIMBER WOULD LAST MILLS TEN YEARS

Working to Their Capacity the Lumber Mills Could Not Cut Timber Taken Up

The action of the government in placing a reserve upon all the unstaked timber lands in the province has created a great deal of interest in this city and the great majority of people applaud the action of the government.

Hon. F. J. Fulton, chief commissioner of lands and works did not care to say anything very much with regard to the subject.

"There is abundant timber staked off to supply the mills for years to come," he remarked, "and we thought it wise to stop the taking up of timber until we decide upon what policy we shall finally adopt. Whether we will continue the system of timber leases, or shall change it in the future, is not to be discussed at present. We will give ourselves plenty of time to consider the matter."

The total amount of timber held under the 10,000 licenses at a very low estimate contains 3,200,000,000 feet of lumber. All the timber held under crown grants and otherwise is not included in this, and it is probable that the total figure would approximate nearer double the above figure than under it. With the total capacity of the mills of the province placed at under 350,000,000 feet a year, it will be seen that at the very lowest estimate it would take ten years to cut the timber at present staked.

To one class of the community the action of the government will not appeal. This is to the proprietors of the small papers which have been started broadcast throughout the country, and in which the stakers of timber must advertise their holdings in the respective districts. Upon this revenue alone many of them have depended for their existence.

RUNS IN WARD ONE

F. J. Bittancourt Will Enter Coming Civic Aldermanic Fight

F. J. Bittancourt, auctioneer, has decided to enter the aldermanic contest in Ward One, Victoria West. A great many of the ratepayers of that ward have been anxious that Mr. Bittancourt should offer himself as a candidate for aldermanic honors and after consideration he has decided to do so. Last year Mr. Bittancourt was requested to offer himself as a candidate in Ward One but he was unable to do so not being in a position from business reasons to run. Now, however, he is at liberty to devote himself entirely to civic affairs and should the ratepayers decide that he should represent them in the council of 1908 he will devote his best energies to that end.

LOST WALLET RECALLS CRIME OF FAIR WEEK

Plumber Called in to Make Repairs Discovers Stolen Property

An echo of the fair week was heard at the police station yesterday when a wallet containing papers showing that the owner thereof is Joshia Heeman, the well known cattle man, was found in the tank in the lavatory of the Moody block at the corner of Broad and Yates street.

Mr. Heeman, during fair week, was relieved of his wallet containing, besides the papers, a sum of money amounting to between $200 and $300. He did not report his loss to the police but when John Hayes, who was arrested by Constable Harper at the fair for picking the pockets of another visitor, was searched there was found in his pockets two gold certificates which afterwards Mr. Heeman said were similar to two which he had in his wallet at the time he was "touched." Hayes was sent to jail for a year on another charge and nothing more was heard of Mr. Heeman's missing wallet until yesterday morning when the plumber called in to fix the water pipes in the Moody block, came across the wallet which was minus the money. It is supposed that the man who robbed Mr. Heeman, after abstracting the roll of money entered the Moody block and threw the wallet into the tank. The wallet and papers which were soaked with water were carefully dried before the fire at the police station and will be restored to the owner as a species of Christmas box from the police.

Sacred Concert Next Sunday

Bandmaster Sidney Rogers of the Victoria city band promises a rare musical treat to those who attend the tuberculosis benefit fund concert next Sunday afternoon at the New Grand theatre, admission being free. The band selections comprise a number of first time pieces to Victoria audiences, and will be interspersed with vocal solos by W. J. Dowler, the well known baritone, and Thomas J. Price, a recent arrival in the city. Mr. Herbert Foote, the popular cellolst, will be heard on that instrument, and G. P. Geiger will render a trombone solo.

Will Restrict Output

The rumor recently in circulation that the Victoria Chemical works was about to shut down was contradicted yesterday by F. Moore, of that company who stated that the company has no idea of closing down the works but that the employees had been notified that they would probably have to go on half time for a while. The Trail and Granby smelters are at present two of the principal markets for the company's products, and if these close down it may be necessary to restrict output for a time. The works are at present producing more than the market requires.

Consul Smith Promoted

United States Consul Smith has been given full control of the consulate district of Vancouver Island by the consular department of the republic upon the advice of Consul-at-Large Murphy, who recently visited the island on a tour of inspection. The Cumberland office was formerly under the control of the Vancouver office, but now this falls under the control of Victoria. The Chemainus agency will be abolished and Crofton and Chemainus will be under the Nanaimo office which is tributary to Consul Smith.

Suggestions

SCISSOR CASES .....$1.75 to $6.00
SEWING SETS .....$2.50 to $9.00
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CUTLERY CABINETS.....$21.00 to $48.00
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Hulton Street, near Oak Bay Avenue, lot 53 x 113 .....$550
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HOLIDAY SALE from MONDAY NEXT
9th DECEMBER TO THE 24th

Yokohama Bazaar, Japanese fancy goods store, 1422 Government St., will present a tombola ticket to all their customers for every 50 cents worth purchase. One ticket stands for a lot for these prizes as under:

1st. A tea set of 42 pieces, beautiful hand painting.
2nd. A pair of large flower vases, gorgeously colored hand painting
3rd. A tea set of 21 pieces, handsome design, also hand painting.
4th. A brass jardiniere.
5th. A silk bronze set, beautiful hand embroidery.
6th. A small Satsuma bowl.
7th. A cushion-top, silk satin, gold thread embroidery.

All prizes are exhibited in the store of Yokohama Bazaar and inspection is cordially invited.

On the 26th of December, at 10 o'clock, tickets will be drawn by any customer who happens to call in the store at that time.

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Yeast, half an ounce; eggs, four; flour, a pound and a half; sugar, half a pound; butter, one pound; milk, half a pint; candied orange peel, a quarter of a pound.

Put the flour into a clean bowl and make a hollow in the centre. Beat up the eggs. Dissolve the yeast in a cupful of water and add it and the new milk to the eggs. Pour the mixture into the flour and stir all together into a dough; work it well. Melt the butter (do not make it hot) and add it by degrees to the dough. Thoroughly knead the dough and put it in a warm place to rise for one hour. After it has risen mix the sugar with it. Ornament the top of each cake with cut orange peel. Bake in individual tins, buttered, in a moderate oven for about twenty minutes.

Christmas Torpedoes

Cut up into dice three ounces of cold chicken, two ounces of cooked ham and two hardboiled eggs. Mix them with a gill of rich white sauce; stir in also some truffle peelings, salt and pepper to taste, and a teaspoonful of lemon juice. Whip a gill of cream till very stiff, and stir lightly into the other ingredients. Fill small timbale-cases with the mixture, and decorate the top of each with chopped truffle, the yolk of egg passed through a sieve, or with coralline pepper. If the little silver saucepans to hold cases are handy the appearance of the dish is much improved. Truffle peelings can be bought already chopped.

Turkey Surprise

Flour and butter, each two tablespoonfuls; salt and pepper, each a quarter of a teaspoonful; stock, one cupful; cold turkey, a cupful and a half.

Make one cupful of ordinary thick sauce, mixing the butter with the flour. Add the stock made from the bones and skin of roast turkey. Mix the turkey with the sauce. Make a rich crust, cut it in squares, put on it one tablespoonful of the mixture and fold the crust over. Glaze with the yolk of egg beaten. Bake for twenty minutes in a hot oven.

Gailey—I've certainly managed to get pretty deeply in debt.

Wiseman—You don't say? Then I gave you credit for having more sense than you really had.

Gailey—Huh! The trouble is that the tailor gave me credit for having more dollars than I really have.—Philadelphia Press.

In Woman's Realm

In devoting more space than formerly to the affairs of women, the Colonist is taking a step which it is hoped our lady friends will appreciate. Any communication from them of general interest will be welcome and carefully attended to.

HERE AND THERE

"The time draws near the birth of Christ." Before these lines reach the readers of this page they will be celebrating that great event. Many homes will resound with the music of the happy voices of children whose hearts have been filled with delight by the mysterious gifts which have come in the night. There will, it is hoped, be very few, whose inmates have not received words of kindly greeting and memorials of the love of those dear to them.

For Christmas is a day of sacred memories. The sheltering love of the father and the mother's tender care again enfold the happy romping group of boys and girls, now widely separated by years and distance, nay, perhaps, by the grave itself. As the tide of tender thoughts flows in upon us we realize how mighty is the power of human love.

On the highest manifestation of earthly love, that of the family, the seal was set, when the Babe was born in Bethleham, of Judea, on that starlit night so long ago. Ever since, all true Christians have recognized the purity and the dignity of motherhood. It has been impossible for the followers of the Son of Mary, the friend of the sisters of Bethany, the Saviour of the Magdalen, to keep women in a state of slavery and degradation.

It was the little children of the family who were honored by the Master as the highest example of what His followers should be when He said of them "Of such is the kingdom of God." Who shall say that the divine spirit is wanting in the multitudes of sin-stained men and women who today feel the spell of childish faith and childish innocence.

But greater still was the lesson the great Teacher drew from the father's love of the father of the family. That love was in its wisdom, its strength and its tenderness an imperfect, but real image of the love of the Heavenly Father for all the children of men. With this mesage on his lips and in his heart the Saviour went amongst the sinful and the sorrowing, and wherever he went he brought redemption and healing.

Do we not well, then, to make Christmas a time of family re-union, when we draw closer for a season the ties of relationship which the founder of Christianity has sanctified? And if in the circle there should be a missing place may we not trust that the infinite love of the Father of all has our dear one safe in his keeping? He who never witheld his sympathy from the monruer would not have us forget, but cherish with added love and tenderness those that remain.

Let us then, in the old time way, make merry and be glad, not forgetting that we are members of that larger family in which all are brothers.

WOMEN'S WORK

Although Pemberton road is in a very public part of the city, it still bears much of the character of a country road. Most of the houses were built many years ago by people who have gone from the city. On the short street there are some modern houses, but for the most part they were built before the days of real estate men and stand well back from the highway surrounded by orchards and shrubbery? Especially is this the case with the house occupied by Mrs. Mackenzie Cleland, M.D., and used by her as a private hospital for women and children. It stands far back in an orchard, and the approach to it is bordered with flowers. A pleasant place to get well in, would the artistically furnished home be, amid the scent of flowers and the hum of insects.

Mrs. Clelland, who has just returned from a tour of the world, in the course of a very pleasant conversation, said some interesting things concerning her journey. After crossing the Pacific, several weeks were spent in India, where Mrs. Cleland was much interested in the condition of women, and studied the working of the Lady Dufferin hospitals, which have accomplished such a beneficent work among the Hindu women.

On the way to Calcutta some time was passed in Burmah. In this part of India the women do not occupy a position greatly differing from their European sisters. As a class they are very handsome and attractive. The weather in January was delightful, even in a land we have been accustomed to look upon as so hot as India. The trip from Calcutta to Dharpeeling was made for the purpose of getting the far-famed view of the sunrise on Mount Everest, which well repaid the trouble of the journey.

The magnificence of the marvelous temple of the sacred city of Bonares was mentioned with enthusiasm. On the way to Bombay many of the cities, remembered as the scene of the horrors and heroisms of the Indian mutiny, were visited. The journey was performed with great ease and comfort by the help of a courier, who acted as interpreter and made arrangements at hotels.

At the Dufferin hospitals doctors—surgeons as well as physicians—are women. The work of the staff is rendered very difficult by the rules of caste, all articles of diet having to be prepared outside the hospital, usually in the homes of the patients.

Many other things very strange to Western ladies were seen, among others the ceremony of burning the dead, and the famous Tower of Silence.

The glorious sunsets on the Red sea made an impression never to be forgotten, and a most interesting and instructive visit was paid to Palestine. At Jerusalem the Mosque of Omar was visited and admired, and the Jewish ceremony of wailing outside the gates, which devout Jews believe will hasten the time when the nation will be restored to its ancient glories, was heard constantly. The little town of Bethany was visited, and the party rode along the road, so often traversed by Christ and His disciples, leading from Judea into Galilee. They sailed across the Sea of Tiberias, and visited the little town of Tiberias. Of all Eastern places this was the dirtiest, though when at Benares it was thought the extreme of uncleanliness had been reached.

A stay was made in Vienna, where through the kindness of Dr. Todd, Mrs. Mackenzie Cleland became acquainted with a noted woman physician, who made her stay both pleasant and profitable. The architecture of Vienna is very beautiful. It is difficult to get along either in Vienna or Berlin unless one is able to speak German. French is a very poor substitute. At Vienna there was a very funny band competition, in which about 4,000 schoolboys in small companies took part. Some of the music was good, but most of it very bad. Among the schoolboys was a royal prince, and a lady of very high rank took part in the ceremony.

In London, the King and Queen, as well as other royalties, were seen at the laying of the corner stone of the new wing of the British Museum. The King was exactly like his pictures, a kindly, pleasant gentleman, but Mr. Cleland was delighted with the charm and graciousness of the Queen. The royal grandmother has the figure of a young girl, and every movement is full of grace. Her natural kindness was shown in her acknowledgment of the services of an attendant, which most women of far lower rank and less courtesy would have accepted as a matter of course.

Mrs. Mackenzie Cleland remained several weeks in London, where she attended particularly at the Ormond Street Hospital for Children, though she frequently visited the Hospital for Women on Euston road. Here the whole staff, surgical as well as medical, consists of women.

In Edinburgh, where she studied, and which, by her opinion, ranks with Vienna in beauty, Mrs. Cleland witnessed another royal function. In July the Prince and Princess of Wales laid the corner stone of the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh, and a reception was given them by the doctors and nurses of the institution. Since her return to Victoria Mrs. Cleland, has, womanlike, been spending most of her time in housecleaning, and now the pleasant sunny rooms are almost in perfect order. In all of these there is something pretty to look at, but the most interesting object was an old mahogany four post bedstead, which tells of the old glories of Government house when Sir James Douglas presided over the destinies of Vancouver island. After her long trip Mrs. Cleland is glad to be at home once more among her Victoria friends.

"'Ow the Time Do Fly"

Two young ladies on the promenade of a seaside resort had been watching the vessels pass, through a telescope lent them by an "ancient mariner." On handing the glass back one of them remarked that it was a very good one.

"Yes, miss," said the old tar; "that 'ere telescope was given me by Lord Nelson."

"Good gracious? Why, Nelson has been dead nearly a hundred years."

"Well, I'm blowed," remarked the salty one, quite abashed; "'ow the time do fly!"—Judge's Library.

Conductor's Views

"You shouldn't run after a car during the rush hour," said the conductor, reprovingly.

"Why not?" panted the man addressed, climbing aboard.

"The abnormal chest expansion due to the effort to draw into the lungs a sufficient supply of oxygen to repair the waste caused by accelerated heart action crowds the other passengers," explained the conductor.—Philadelphia Ledger.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

The words will be said today by millions of voices all over the world, and each voice will carry an echo of the divine love. As its tones fall on the ear hard hearts will grow softer and heavy ones lighter. Like a ray of sunlight, the blithesome benison will cheer and bless. To all whose eye scans this page the writer wishes with all her heart A Merry, Merry Christmas!

The Madonna of the Workshop

Everywhere, everywhere, Christmas tonight!
Christmas in lands of fir tree and pine:
Christmas in lands of palm tree and vine;
Christmas where snow peaks stand solemn and white;
Christmas where cornfields lie sunny and bright;
Everywhere, everywhere, Christmas tonight!

For the Christ-child who comes is the Master of all;
No palace too great, no cottage too small;
The angels who welcomed him sing from the height,
"In the city of David, a King in his might;"
Everywhere, everywhere, Christmas tonight!

Then let every heart keep its Christmas within,
Christ's pity for sorrow. Christ's hatred for sin,
Christ's care for the weakest, Christ's courage for right,
Christ's dread for the darkness, Christ's love of the light;
Everywhere, everywhere, Christmas tonight!

Christmas where children are hopeful and gay;
Christmas where old men are patient and gray;
Christmas, where peace, like a dove in its flight,
Broods o'er brave men in the thick of the fight;
Everywhere, everywhere, Christmas tonight!

So the stars of the midnight which compass us round
Shall see a strange glory, and hear a sweet sound,
And cry, "Look! the earth is aflame with delight!
O sons of the morning, rejoice at the sight!"
Everywhere, everywhere, Christmas tonight!

By Phillips Brooks.

PERSONAL MENTION

The Colonist readers are asked to assist in making this personal column as complete as possible. Send or phone items to the city editor.

Ovington Watt came over on the Chippewa yesterday from Seattle to spend Christmas with his parents at "Dunelm," Menzies street.

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H. Sampson leaves on the Princess May this evening for Prince Rupert.

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H. J. Scott, general agent of the Hamilton Powder company, with his son, M. H. Scott, leaves today by the Northern Pacific for San Jose.

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Harvey Combe, J. A. Rithet, C. K. Magill leave today for Seattle, where they play the representatives of the Seattle Golf club for the Treat cup.

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Chu Bing Quen, Chu Ching and Dong Hong left on the Princess Victoria last evening for Cranbrook, where they will spend the holidays.

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G. M. Brown, H. Young, R. F. Lowe, Harburg, J. E. Tremand, D. Alley, R. Brown, G. F. Foster, Nelles, Mess, W. D. Wilson, R. J. Robertson, B. Markham, F. Findlay, T. G. McGuillam, F. Mitchell, H. Wilders, A. D. Belyea, G. Staples, W. W. Milliechamp, C. H. Mason, M. Souden, J. H. Rant, D. W. Hanbury, A. E. McPhillips, W. D. McIntosh, J. B. Adams, H. Keller, T. S. McPherson, T. M. Martin, R. R. Rogers, J. Wallace, E. E. Richardson, J. L. Sutherland and M. Saunders leave on the Princess Victoria for Vancouver today.

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C. E. E. Ussher, assistant general passenger agent, arrived in the city for the holidays.

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H. F. W. Behnsen, M.P.P., left this morning for the mainland.

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Capt. John Irving leaves this evening on the Princess May for Skagway en route to White Horse.

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Miss Skinner, Miss B. Lansen, Miss O'Brien, Miss McNiff, Miss M. Brown, Mrs. Murphy, Miss Murray, Miss G. Slow, Miss Johnson, Miss Turtle, Mrs. Peterson and Mrs. C. M. Watson left this morning on the Princess Victoria for Vancouver.

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Dr. T. C. Campbell, of Castle Rock, Wash., nephew of Mrs. Mackenzie Cleland, M. D., will, with Mrs. Campbell, spend the holidays in Victoria, the guests of Mrs. Cleland.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. J. H. Holmes, of Kaslo, with their son, have arrived on a visit to Colonel and Mrs. Holmes.

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The marriage arranged between Mr. E. Gay Warner and Miss Gladys M. Green will take place on Wednesday, February 5.

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J. Evans, E. George and W. Robbins have left for the mainland on a shooting trip through the Cariboo country.

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J. E. Whitelaw of Birmingham, England, is visiting in the city before leaving for China where he has business interests.

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Dr. Davey who left some time ago for Arizona for the benefit of his health, is sinking fast according to advices received lately in the city.

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George Harvey left here on Monday night to spend his holidays with his brothers at Vancouver and New Westminster. He will be away about 10 days.

A CHRISTMAS THOUGHT

As the Christmas season approaches there are evidences on every hand that it is becoming more and more the children's festival. If, indeed, the prixies, the gnomes and the brownies of the old Northland legends had been at work for the past year they could have produced no more quaint and lovely toys than are now displayed to delight the eyes and the hearts of the little ones. On Christmas Day many a home is turned into a veritable fairy land, where the children find their wildest dreams realized and wishes which they scarcely ventured to form, fulfilled. In all but the very poorest homes some attempt is made to bring unaccustomed cheer to the table and added mirth to the fireside. In places where this has been found impossible, the children are gathered together and given by kind-hearted people an opportunity to feast and make merry. Wherever there are children, the spirit of Love and Joy—the Christmas spirit—sheds some degree of influence. The very air is full of the gurgle of childish laughter and the ringing of merry voices.

Is this phase of our modern Christianity in accordance with the "Mind of the Master"? Is the day we keep in honor of His birth fitly observed by devoting part—perhaps the greater part of it—to the satisfaction and the joy of the children? For answer we will try to discover how Christ Himself looked upon the little ones.

Is it not significant that ever since the dawn of Christianity the eyes of the world have rested on a cradle, and that the hardest and most thoughtless have in some dim way felt the mighty power that lies in the life of a little child? The Redeemer of a world sunk in the vices begot of selfishness first appealed to the heart of humanity by the innocence, the purity, the perfection, yea, and the helplessness of a newborn Babe. And humanity responded to the appeal. The shepherds who recognized in the Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in the manger of Bethlehem the Saviour who was Christ the Lord, were the first of a countless multitude who saw in the yearning love of motherhood and the purity of childhood fresh revelations of the power that works for the redemption and the sanctification of the world.

When the Babe of Bethlehem had grown to manhood and had entered upon that short ministry which was to revolutionize the world, there was in His great heart a place for the children. In the stress and strain of that busiest of lives, He who had no leisure so much as to eat, Who oftentimes had only opportunity for communion with His Father by spending the hours of the night in prayer, took time to caress the children whose mothers brought them to His side. The work of the Great Healer and the words of the Great Teacher had alike to wait while He took the infants in His arms, put his hands upon them and blessed them. How many of us, when we are cumbered about with much serving, have a share in the rebuke administered to the over-zealous disciples, who would have kept the mothers away as they brought their babies to the Master?

But on Christmas Day, even the cares of the busiest mothers are forgotten. Again we are all children; with them we gaze in delight on each new gift as it is drawn from the stocking or discovered in the branches of the Christmas tree.

The Christmas dinner would be but a tasteless feast were there no children to enjoy it, but how delicious when shared with them! The old games will be played with new zest, and the old stories listened to with added interest. In many homes the songs and hymns which have touched the hearts of our ancestors for generations will be sung until at last we close with the song of the angels who first spread abroad the tidings of Peace and Goodwill.

And so another Christmas Day will have been added to the long tale of those which have left in the minds of countless children memories fragrant with the love of home.

Grandmother's Biscuits

Loaf sugar, half a pound; butter, half a pound; flour, half a pound; one egg.

Warm the butter in a saucepan. Put the flour into a clean basin and rub them together. Then mix in the pounded loaf sugar. Beat the eggs well and mix all together. Flour a board and put the paste on it. With a floured rollingpin roll out the paste very thin. Cut the paste into biscuits of various shaped with a cutter, and place on a flat, floured baking pan and bake in a hot oven for about five minutes.

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The Sporting World

FEW RECORDS BROKEN DURING PAST YEAR

American Athletics Show a Marked Improvement But Few New Marks

New York, Dec. 23.—During the year now drawing to a close there has been continued improvement in many lines of sport and while it is true that the year has not been remarkable in record-breaking for the entire sporting calendar, the performances of that sort which have been accomplished, have been of a most exciting character.

Racing autos were probably credited with the greatest number of new records. Walter Christie has the distinction of making the fastest mile on record, that of fifty-two seconds.

In road racing Pazzaro (Flat) covered the Grand Prix course in France of 478 miles at an average speed of 70.61 miles per hour. Duray (De Bietrich) made the fastest round of 47.8 miles in 37.54.

Charles M. Daniels, the New York Athletic club swimmer, will receive the greatest credit as one of the best record-breakers of the year. He created more than forty new American records, his 100-yard mark of 55 2-5 seconds in the English championship and mile in 23.40 in a 60-foot pool being simply marvelous. In aquatics the one-mile canoe record of 8.4, with double paddles, straightaway, was a good performance.

In the ice and snow sports, the snowshoers set a new mark in cross-country running of nine miles in 47 minutes 20 seconds, and the ski jumpers, who have rapidly attained prominence, have placed the record for jumping at 114 feet. The local skaters were handicapped by a late season and poor ice, but in the international meet new records were made, about the best being 9 minutes and 6 4-5 seconds for 5,000 metres (3 miles 188 yards).) In ice yacht a twenty-mile course (ten turns) was covered in 53 minutes 50 seconds.

It was unfortunate that Collin, the champion horse of the season, found nothing to force him to record-breaking efforts in the way of best world's marks. New records were made, however, among them being the one-mile and an eighth in 1:50 3-5 by Charles Edward at Brighton Beach, and the six and one-half furlongs in 1:17 2-5 by Brookdale Nymph at Belmont park.

The world's trotting and pacing records were not shattered, but the newcomers showed such improvement that some thing may be expected next season in this line. Of the new trotting performances, the 2-year-old Tramfast (2:12¼) and the 3-year-old General Watts (2:06¾), also the mare Reproachless (2:04¼) among the pacers, divided the honors as the fastest of the season.

The shooters had their eye on the targets in the Palma trophy international match, in which a world's record of 1,712 out of a possible 1,800, was made, and even Topperwein's record for breaking 7,000 flying targets was broken by Captain Hardy, who smashed 13,066, and then quit because one of the judges had to be home on time for supper.

Dr. Hudson of New York set up a new world's record of 1,165 out of a possible 1,250 points on a ring target at 200 yards, in fifty consecutive shots. Rudolph Gute made 2,400 out of a possible 2,500 in a gallery match of the Zettler Rifle club. William H. Herry the U. M. C. Remington professional, made a new world's record at the traps, where he shot at 14,055 targets in competition and broke 96.3 per cent.

The professional billiardists appear to have nearly reached their limit in the balk-line games, although, it is not unreasonable to believe that something further may happen in this line the present season. Calvin Demarest, in winning the national amateur championship, put up a new record average of 27.27 at 14.2. Willie Hoppe made a run of 51 points "off the red." Bush of Elmira, pocketed 88 balls from the break at pool; Nolan averaged 1:6 in a three-cushion game of twenty-five points, and Sutton made a run of 221 points in practice at 18.1 balk-line this season.

Total attendance at the National and American league baseball games was 6,136,557—300,000 more than the previous best record of 1904. Cobb of Detroit led the American league batsmen with an average of .352, while Wagner, Pittsburg, clouted the horsehide in the National with an aveage of .350.

A homing pigeon made an average speed of 1,612 yards per minute for 600 miles. Thompson's Colts bowling team (five men) rolled a 2,853 score for three games. Ralph Rose, John Flanagan, Martin Sheridan, George Bonhag and Melvin Sheppard, all broke athletic records.

Boxing Bout at Montreal.

Montreal, Dec. 24.—"Kid" Dufresne, of Lewiston, Maine, knocked out Pinky Evans, of Albany, in the seventh round of what was to have been a ten-round bout at the National club house last night.

SEVEN CREWS TO ROW IN OLYMPIC REGATTA

Argonaut Rowing Club Will Have Some Keen Opposition Next Year

According to a report from Toronto the Argonaut R. C. eight has started training for the Olympic games regatta in England next year, and they will have from now till next July to get in trim. Those who compose the combination just now with their weights are: Robertson, 158 pounds; Gale, 163; Robertson, 161; Boyd, 165; Balfour, 161; Davidson, 165; Reddy, 161; Taylor, stroke, 163; and Rutland, the coxswain, 115 pounds. Boyd and Thompson are no strangers on the English Thames, for they were members of the Argonaut outfit that tried for the grand challenge cup at Henley last year. The other five men are sweep pullers tried and true, for they were in the boat which carried off the honors at the national regatta at Philadelphia this year and previously distinguished themselves at the Canadian meet. The crew is coached by Joe Wright and will be worked regularly through the entire winter. When the ice prevents outdoor work the men will take to the rowing machines until it is possible for the shell to be launched again in the spring. The Argonauts will go to England a month ahead of the regatta, which takes place the last days of July, and they intend to have a good long spell of practice on the Thames.

Simultaneously with the reported activity of the Argonauts there comes word that there will be three crews for the Olympic regatta from the continent—the Belgians, France and Germany—and a crew from Australia. There will be two crews from England and the Britons are going to put their best leg forward this time to try and regain some of their prestige lost by the Belgians capturing the grand challenge cup. There is a crew talked of already which if they get together should take a lot of beating. They are: Edge, winner of the Wingfield sculls, No. 1; Blackstaffe, winner of the diamond sculls, No. 2; A. H. Cloutte, winner of the Wingfield sculls, No. 3; R. V. Powell, winner of the Colquhoun sculls, No. 4; Darell, winner of the diamond sculls, No. 5; McCulloch, runner up, diamond sculls, No. 6, Stuart, winner Colquhoun sculls, No. 7, and F. S. Kelly, winner of the diamond sculls, stroke. As far as individual merit goes this crew could easily outstrip that of any other nation and surely would make a boat travel fast.

It is not known that the Belgians will be represented by the same crew that rowed at Henley, but they are said to be sure to bring the best they can muster. The Belgians will not be allowed to row at Henley next year for the grand challenge cup, and the fact is causing quite a lot of unfavorable comment.

ENGLISH SYSTEM IS WRONG SAYS BURNS

Method of Educating Heavyweights Will Have to Be Changed Some

Looking very fit and complaining of nothing except a bruise on his left thigh, Tommy Burns, the hero of the Monday evening's boxing contest at the National Sporting club, told a Daily Mail representative that after a few months' stay in England he intends to spend the money he has won in a tour through France, Germany, and Italy, and thence to "Bibleland"—by which he means Palestine and Jerusalem, and other towns in the Holy Land.

Speaking of his fight, Burns said: "Moir is a plucky, game lad, and I do not think there is a man in England who could stand my blows like he did."

Burns said that he never had any doubt about the result. After the first round he knew that, bar an accidental blow from Moir, he was a certain winner. Moir was no better and no worse than he had anticipated. He had always put him down as a good sound boxer with very little dash.

"The reason," said Burns, "why England cannot find a heavyweight boxer capable of winning the championship of the world is simple. You find a pretty good man over here, but instead of going ahead with him you stand still.

"What he wants is continual boxing, as in the States. Here you give him about one real contest in a year, the rest of the time beng spent in exhibition boxing against an inferior person.

"That sort of thing will never develop a man as he should be developed. In the States we are always at it until we reach the top.

"Your system is entirely wrong, and until you treat your best men differently the championship will never return to England.

"It is no good attaching a man to one particular club. He never gets enough work to do."

Basketball Honors Divided.

In the basketball double-header at Fernwood hall on Monday night between the Victoria West Athletic association and the Emmanuel Baptist Boys' club the honors were divided. In the intermediate game the Baptist team won by a score of 13 to 10, while in the junior game the Victoria West team won by a score of 23 to 10. J. Donaldson was referee.

Winnipegs Not After Cup.

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—The Winnipeg hockey club, champions of Manitoba, will not send a team east after the Stanley cup this season. Mr. Foran received a telegram from Secretary Harry Quinn, of the Winnipegs, stating that owing to the delay on the part of the Wanderers and the lateness of the hockey season the Winnipegs had decided to waive their right to play for the silverware.

TWILIGHT LEAGUE OUTLOOK.

All Teams In Circuit Lost Money Last Season.

Calgary, Alta., Dec. 24.—The prospects of the Twilight league being in business next year do not at present look very bright, owing to the poor financial condition of the clubs. As far as the season went, the kind of ball was all too good, and would even receive a greater patronage than last year, but all the four teams in the league ended the season burdened with a heavy deficit, one that was so heavy in fact that in several instances the players were forced to stay in the town waiting for the management to dig up their salaries for the last month.

The reason for this deficit was inexperienced management, nearly all the managers being green at the business and extravagant. Nearly every club sent away for expensive men during the season; the team would drop a place and the executive would get the wires hot trying to locate a star. Invariably this resulted in one member of the club taking a trip down to Chicago or some large point, on a wild chase for high-priced men, to win the pennant for his club. It might be stated that invariably the high-classed article secured failed to deliver the goods in the manner expected, and then, after another heavy consultation, another "star hunter" would be sent forth.

As an instance of this poor management, Calgary in the beginning of the season secured their team from the New England league, bringing them here at a heavy expense. It was expected that they should pay their expenses by playing games en route, but this feature was badly arranged, and they arrived in Calgary for the beginning of the season several hundred dollars to the bad.

FIFTH REGIMENT HAS STRONG TEAM OUT

Citizen Soldiers Expect to Trim Crack James Bays This Morning

Two soccer games are down for decision in the Victoria District Football league series today. At Oak Bay the James Bay A.A. and Fifth Regiment teams will play at 10.30 o'clock, while at the Work Point barracks the Egeria and Esquimalt teams will clash. Both games will prove of interest to local enthusiasts, particularly the former game as the Fifth Regiment has out its strongest line-up of the season and expects to take the measure of the league leaders. Several old-timers have been impressed into service for the purpose.

The teams will be as follows:

James Bay A.A.		Fifth Regt.
Peden	Goal	Jones
S. Lorimer	Fullback	Kinlock
Lawson		W. Fairall
J. Lorimer	Halfback	Hart
Hughes		Hyland
Shanks		C. Fairall
E. Davis	Forwards	Berkeley
C. Davis		Kroeger
Dakers		Loat
Sedger		C. Schwengers
Todd		J. Lawson

Referee—P. Richardson.

Billy Lauder Retains Title.

Calgary, Dec. 24.—Billy Lauder, the Canadian lightweight champion, retains his title. He was on for a fifteen round contest with "Kid" Howell, of Minneapolis, and got the decision in the tenth round, though the general impression is that Howell deliberately fouled Lauder twice in order to save a knockout. The fight was fairly even until the sixth round, when Lauder got his man going with a fierce left to the body, and for the next three rounds he played with the Minneapolis man until the two fouls fully justified Referee Smart in awarding the decision to Lauder. Both weighed in under 130 pounds.

Globe-Trotter Ends Walk.

San Francisco, Dec. 24.—Frans Emmanuel Kirekes, a Finnish globe-trotter, arrived in town the other day and went at once to the office of Chief of Police Biggy to have that officer bear witness that he had completed his journey around the world. Kirekes brought testimonials from consuls and state governors and President Roosevelt.

Kirekes says that he started from San Francisco on his round-the-world tour February 15, 1904, without a cent in his pockets. His trip was the result of a wager between two wealthy men of Finland who bet $5,000 that Kirekes could not circle the globe inside of five years without money. It was stipulated that he could neither beg nor steal, but was permitted to work his way.

When the globe-trotter presented himself to Chief Biggy his finances were only one cent, and he said he would have to send a message to Finland announcing his success.

MORE EASY MONEY FOR TOMMY BURNS

The Heavyweight Champion to Fight Jem Roche, Irish Pugilist

More easy money for Tommy Burns, the Canadian heavyweight pugilist. A cable from London yesterday states that articles of agreement have been signed for a contest between "Tommy Burns" and Jem Roche, the Irish champion, at Dublin, on March 17, for a $2,500 side bet and a purse of $7,500. Burns will fight Jack Palmer on February 1.

Harry Lewis Stops O'Keefe.

Boston, Dec. 24.—Harry Lewis, of Philadelphia, was given the decision over Pat O'Keefe at the end of a twelve-round bout at the Winnimissett Athletic club in Chelsea last night.

Longboat Disqualified.

New York, Dec. 24. It does ont seem probable that Longboat, the famous Canadian Indian runner, will be allowed to take part in the Pastime Athletic club games, which will take place at Madison Square Garden January 27. The runner is under suspension by the American Athletic Union, and President Sullivan, of that organization, has told the Pastime club committee that he cannot compete in any games unless he is formally reinstated. The club was also notified that if Longboat was advertised to take part in the games the sanction of the meet would be withdrawn.

Annual Banquet of Dudleighs.

The first annual dinner of the Dudleighs cricket club will take place on January 1, at 9 p. m., at the Boomerang. Having closed a very successful season, they will celebrate in royal style. Several notable people of the province have signified their willingness to be there, and some excellent speeches will be heard. A surprise will be sprung on the guests, as an English baronet of international repute will make an address. Several vocalists of no mean order will entertain, and an efficient pianist will be in attendance.

DOES NOT WANT JOHNSON.

New York, Dec. 24.—Jack O'Brien, who again dropped into the limelight at Philadelphia last week by stopping a dub named Bill Heveron in one brief round, has welched out of his proposed match with Jack Johnson, which was to have been fought at Philadelphia in January over the short six-round route.

Articles were to have been signed immediately after the Heveron farce, but O'Brien, though keeping his appointment with Sam Fitzpatrick, Johnson's manager, refused to sign the papers, claiming that he had broken his hand on Heveron's head and declaring that the injury would keep him out of the game for two months.

As proof that the hand was really injured O'Brien displayed a mitt well painted with iodine. Nevertheless, the hand was not as swollen but that Jack could want a tight kid glove, and there were no bandages in evidence.

The moving pictures of the Burns-Moir fight are on exhibition here. They are quite good with the knock-out looming up particularly well. Moir's miserable work stands out more prominently than anything else.

McKECHNIE RUGBY TROPHY COMPETITION

Some Interesting Remarks on the First Contests for the Silverware

Miting in the Vancouver World "utility man" makes some interesting remarks on the McKechnie cup competition past and present. In part he says:

"The coming of the famous Cardinals of Stanford, the California champions, has had a tendency to make the sport loving fraternity of the Terminal City rather overlook the provincial championship match with Victoria.

"In an ordinary year the bold attempts on the part of the Victorians to wrest the coveted McKechnie cup from the local men, who have held it against all comers since 1900, would be an event of great moment, but with the expansion of the rugby code upon the coast and the increased importance of the issues now at stake, I suppose it is only natural that this historic old fixture should lose some of its glamor. With old-timers, however, it will be different and probably no other fixture would quite take its place in their affections. It were less than human for them—these rugged pioneers of the grand old winter pastime—to ever forget the many bitter and desperate struggles that have taken place between the years 1887 and 1895 during which, with one exception, the trophy was held on the island—the famous old Hornets of Nanaimo being the chief factors in its retention—and when in 1895 by a supreme effort the Islanders were subdued another period of four years elapsed before the combined and brilliant forces of Victoria and the navy were finally compelled to acknowledge the supremacy of, and strike their colors to the bulklog pertinacity of the old brigade of Vancouver's rugby footballers.

"With the retirement of the Woodwards from active participation in the game the last link of some glorious fifteens has been severed, and in all sincerity it cannot be said that the class of football now being played is up to the standard of that which obtained some ten or fifteen years ago, though nobody will deny that it is slowly regaining its old-time brilliancy and the time is not far distant when the supporters of the handling code will see the grand old game fully restored to all its pristine glory."

BASKETBALL AT THE DRILL HALL TONIGHT

Opening Game of International Y.M.C.A. League Between Vancouver and Victoria

There will be great doings tonight at the drill hall on the occasion of the Northwest International Y. M. C. A. Basketball league opening with a game between the two old time rivals, Vancouver and Victoria Y. M. C. A.'s.

The local bays have been out working hard and are in good condition, and all ready to lick Georgie Smith's bunch of huskies.

The Vancouver team will arrive on the Princess tonight at 6:30 and will be met by the local team and escorted to the Y. M. C. A., where they will be filled up on things good to eat, until they can't play basketball if they used red tubs for the baskets. Of course the local boys won't fill up quite so much and then they will take them over to ye olde Drille Halle and wallop them good and proper, just a reminder that Christmas is here.

The International league requires that a referee neutral to both cities be in charge of the game, so Mr. Findlay has secured L. Aryno, of Seattle, to officiate tonight. Mr. Aryno is well known as a basketball referee, so that both teams are assured of a square deal.

The local team will in all probability be without their old warhorse Bob White, who is suffering from a severe cold and will not likely play. Following is the way the local seniors will line up against Vancouver:

Center, Gawley; guards, Roscamp and MrKittrick; forwards, Peden and Petticrew.

The Y. M. C. A. intermediates also play tonight, they going up against the 5th Regiment in the preliminary. The line up: Center, Gowan; forwards, Renfree and Campbell; guards, Harling and Murray.

BILLIARD TOURNAMENT TO START TOMORROW

Handicap Play at Hotel Canada Parlor Will Be Inaugurated

The city billaird handicap tournament at the Hotel Canada billiard parlor has attracted a total of 32 entries and should produce some fine play. The tournament will be conducted on the knockout system and prizes to the value of $110 are offered. Play commences tomorrow. The draw for the first round is as follows:

W. Hoppe, receive 100, vs. A. Proctor, receive 20.
H. Spink, receive 60, vs. E. K. Roberts, receive 40.
Cowes, receive 20, vs. F. Westley, scratch.
W. Laing, receive 80, vs. E. Townsley, receive 75.
A. Gibson, receive 30, vs. F. B. Fisher, receive 25.
F. Henski, receive 10, vs. H. Reid, receive 50.
C. Pike, receive 60, vs. J. Jones, receive 50.
W. Smythey, receive 50, vs. W. Baker, receive 40.
W. Hethwell, receive 30, vs. C. Dawson, receives 25.
P. Richardson, receive 15, vs. R. Stuart, receive 25.
F. Sargison, receive 75, vs. A. H. Gordon, owes 40.
S. Staten, receive 30, vs. A. Pattyson, receive 25.
T. Johnson, receive 40, vs. G. B. Hastie, receive 30.
S. Johnson, receive 30, vs. C. P. Askey, owes 60.
F. Deepe, owes 60, vs. R. Dykes, receive 30.
H. Sexsmith, receive 30, vs. S. B. Roberson, scratch.

Rugby Game This Morning.

At the Oak Bay oval this morning the Victoria Rugby club and James Bay Athletic association will play their fifth and last game of the local league series. The teams will both be stronger than ever before and a cracking good game should result. The Bays in particular will be strengthened, and they hope to win, despite the fact that they have gone down to defeat now on four successive occasions.

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Garrison Claim the Game

The postponed game in the British Columbia Hockey league series between Victoria and the Garrison, has been claimed by the latter, the overtures by the Victoria club to have the game played this afternoon having fallen through. The Victoria club disputes the claim of the Garrison, however and the matter will have to go before the league executive.

Novel Fight Proposition.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Joe Woodman, manager of Sam Langford, is out with a proposition to Jack (Twin) Sullivan, which does not appeal strongly to the Bostonian. Woodman is ready to match Langford with the heavier twin on most any terms, and as an extra inducement agrees to allow his brother Mike Twin to act as referee at the fight. This shows how confident Woodman is that the referee's services would not be called upon except to toll off the ten sleep seconds.

VANCOUVER HORSE SHOW

Indications Point to Success of First Effort—To Be Held in March Next.

Vancouver, Dec. 24.—With a prize list valued at $15,000, in addition to which several valuable trophies will be given and a list of classes totalling over a hundred, Vancouver's first horse show, is to be given in the Drill hall on March 19, 20 and 21, promises to eclipse anything of a similar character ever given in Canada. Features entirely new to such a show are to be introduced, and the interest and enthusiasm which are already being manifested, augurs well for a magnificent triumph.

The show, which is being given under the joint auspices of the British Columbia Stockbreeders' Association and the Vancouver Hunt club, has been largely promoted through the efforts of F. M. Logan, livestock commissioner. Mr. Logan is now at the Hotel Vancouver, and in discussing the prospects for the show he says that it will mark a most important epoch in the history of the horse industry in the Pacific province.

"Not only is the show to be given for the purposes of entertaining, but its great object is to provide education for the horsebreeders," declared Mr. Logan. "This is evidenced by the fact that out of the one hundred or more classes, forty of them are to be pure bred stock, many of which are not usual to a horse show. They are given to encourage the industry, and to seek to place it on a good, sound basis."

The classes promise to be well filled, and many of the large exhibitors from Portland and Seattle shows will be here, together with breeder from all parts of the province and Northwest points. The selection of judges has not yet been completed, but there is some possibilities of securing Mr. W. L. Galbraith of Brandon, one of the ablest judges on the continent. Mr. Galbraith was vested with the honor of being judge in all classes at the last big New York show.

The show is not to be without its social side and many ladies are already showing a deep interest. The opening ceremony will likely be attended by prominent men, though nothing definite has been completed.

The difficulty experienced by the promoters in providing accommodation for the show has been overcome. Word was received from the Militia Department at Ottawa yesterday, granting permission to use the Drill hall, and to provide accommodation in the way of seats, etc.

The Mainland Transfer company last night signified its intention of donating two handsome trophies valued at $100 each, one for the champion heavy draught stallion, and the other for the champion heavy draught mare.

SILVER FOR MINT

Trail Smelter Sends Large Shipment of Bullion for Coinage at Ottawa

Rossland, Dec. 24.—The Trail smelter has just finished a shipment of 250,000 ounces of silver to the new Canadian mint for subsidiary coinage. Some of the eastern newspapers when the mint was first opened stated that the mint would have to go outside of the country for their bar silver, as there was none of sufficient purity to be had in Canada. The requirements of the mint are for bars .998 fine. That shipped from Trail assays better than .999 fine—that is, 999 parts in 1,000. The requirements of the mint are about 1,000,000 ounces per annum. As the Consolidated company produces about twice this amount from its refinery, the subsidiary coinage of the Dominon should be entirely of Canadian production—being mined, smelted, refined and coined by Canadians in Canada. The Trail plant has been producing fine gold and silver bars for some years past, being the only plant in Canada carrying the reduction of ores this far. These products have heretofore been marketed in the Orient and in the United States. When the Canadian mint is in a position to produce gold coins, the Trail plant will also be able to supply the precious metal for this purpose.

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Those who have tried it claim that it acts gently but thoroughly on the kidneys, relieving backache and bladder trouble and urinary difficulties almost instantly. Many cases of rheumatism are known to have been relieved within a few days, the pain and swelling diminishing with each dose.

A well-known local druggist, who is in a position to know, asserts that this prescription, wherever it becomes known, always ruins the sale of the numerous patent medicine rheumatism cures, kidney cures, etc. It is a recipe which the majority of patent medicine manufacturers, and even certain physicians dislike to see published. Few cases, indeed, which will fail to fully yield to its peculiarly soothing and healing influence.

On the Waterfront

CASTOR'S COOK CAUSES FAMINE

After Mariners Had Secured Food He Refused to Work

MATE USED PERSUASION

As a Protest Galley Official Retired to His Bunk and Volunteers Cooked

Christmas eve on the British bark Castor at Esquimalt was eventful. The bark, after a strenuous fight with the elements, put into Esquimalt in distress, and Capt. D. Campbell, overlooker for the owners of the vessel, reached the city yesterday from Portland to survey the vessel and decide on the necessary repairs, which will probably be effected here. Capt. Vance was engaged in the ships business and Chief Officer Gibson was in charge on board. He received a boat load of provisions taken out by the barge Gentle Annie, and after an arduous 38 days buffetting in storms, the crew, who had been on short rations, watched with eager anticipation the supply coming to fill the larder. But there was no dinner bell for them. Mealtime came and mealtime went, but the galley did not smell of appetizing viands and the table did not groan.

The cook of the Castor, it seems, is a strange character. He is a hypochondriac according to his mess-mates, and insists at most inconvenient times usually before meal hours when he should be getting the dinner ready, on going to his bunk. When the supply of food, welcome to the sailors who had been drinking rain water and eating what remained of a store of flour after other foodstuffs went, came on board, the cook turned in.

The hungry crew went aft to make complaint to the mate, who had already drawn in their belts a few more notches.

"What's this?" said Mate Gibson; "mutiny?"

"No, it's a protest," said the spokesman; "the cook's got into his bloomin' bunk again, that's ow."

Now the mate had seen the food come on board, and he had experienced the many inconveniences caused by the sudden retirement of the cook leaving an empty table. He lost no time in taking up the matter with the cook.

"Come out here," he said—this with some anger.

The cook came out, but insisted that he would not cook.

Then the mate landed. The cook sulked and went back to his bunk. He absolutely refused to cook. Meanwhile some volunteer cooks got very busy in the galley and the hungry were fed. Then a message was sent to the provincial police and to Capt. Vance who went on board with Provincial Constable Conway to settle the difficulty. If the cook persists in his refusal he will probably be charged with refusing duty. He came on board at Valparaiso and during the voyage his refusal to perform the duties of his office caused no small amount of inconvenience.

INTERESTING EXPERIMENT BY BRITISH WARSHIPS

Battleships Used H. M. S. Hero for Target in North Sea With Good Results

Advices from England tell of the battering of the old warship Hero into an almost shapeless mass in the North sea by two British battleships, the Hero having been provided for a target and the bombardment was watched by a select company of high officers.

The experiments were the most remarkable in the annals of naval gunnery. The Hero—a battleship of 6,200 tons, built in 1888 at a cost of £397,271—was specially prepared as a target. She has a belt of compound armor 12 inches thick, and her main guns—two 12-inch weapons of 45 tons—are similarly protected.

Before being towed out to the "shooting ground" from Portsmouth she was equipped with the latest type of fire control instruments, and dummy bluejackets were placed in their war positions, the purpose being to test not only the effect of fire on the ship herself, but the injury inflicted on these delicate scientific instruments and on the crew.

A special scheme of firing was drawn up, the battleships taking part being the Dominion and the Hibernia. These two ships, both of the King Edward VII. type, mount three kinds of guns for use in battle—the 12-inch, the 9.2-inch, the 6-inch. Each vessel has four 12-inch, four 9.2-inch and ten 6-inch weapons, firing 850-pound, 350-pound and 100-pound shells respectively.

The experiments took place over a carefully guarded course well out at sea. Among the distinguished officers who watched them were Admiral Lord Charles Beresford, Commander-in-Chief of the Channel Fleet, and Admiral Sir Gerald Noel, Commander-in-Chief at the Nore. Ships of the Channel Fleet and the First Cruiser Squadron were in attendance.

It was intended to carry out the operations on Friday, but a dense fog came down soon after the start, and the shooting had to be adjourned.

The bombardment on Saturday was terrific and marvellously accurate. Shot after shot hit the old battleship. Mast and funel were at once swept away in a fire that no human being could live in, and when the gunners ceased the once majestic warship was a shapeless hulk.

The excellence of British shooting was exemplified by a performance done by the armored cruiser Duke of Edinburgh, one of the vessels in Sir Percy Scott's squadron. With her guns directed from the fire-control positions, she made hits at 13,000 yards or seven and a half miles. The battleships Hibernia and Dominion fired armor-piercing projectiles from their big guns, but they failed to pierce the armored portion of the Hero.

The experiments have thus confirmed the results observed in the Russo-Japanese war, and shown at the present time, a battleship's armor is capable of resisting projectiles at all practicable ranges. The armor of the Hero is compound, or iron faced with steel, and is 8 inches to 12 inches thick. Twelve inches of compound armor are about equal in power of resistance to 8 inches of modern Krupp steel, such as is employed for recent battleships. These generally have 9 inches of plating, but the Lord Nelson has 12 inches and the Dreadnought 11 inches. The latest British battleship should therefore be absolutely impervious to an enemy's shot and shell.

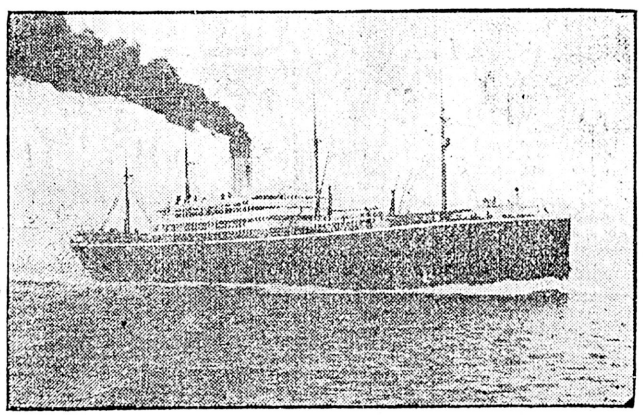
BANFIELD CREEK LIFEBOAT DELAYED

Failure to Secure Lumber for Launching Ways Detains Lifesaving Craft

The Banfield creek lifeboat is to arrive on Friday. During the storm of Monday the boat could not be launched from the barge at Sidney. It has been shifted to the wharf on the car which brought it from the works at Bayonne, New Jersey, but Capt. Jones of the marine department who was sent to Sidney to arrange for placing the craft in the water was unable to secure wood to build a skidway. The mills were unable to cut the required timbers and orders have been placed at Victoria mills. The lumber will be available tomorrow and the work of launching the boat will be completed then. Capt Gillen, coxswain of the lifeboat and the members of the crew who went to Sidney to bring the boat to Victoria and Capt. Jones have returned to the city and will proceed to Sidney again tomorrow.

The lifeboat will be taken to Bamfield creek under her own power and is expected to prove of considerable service in the event of shipwreck. The surf lifeboat now at Banfield creek is to be sent to Clayoquot.

The power boats of the same type as that built for the Banfield creek station built by the New Jersey company for the United States lifesaving service have proven very successful. A despatch from Chatham, Mass., says the efficiency of the United States lifesaving service along the coast is being considerably strengthened by placing in commission of power lifeboats. The success of this means of reaching vessels in distress through tumbling seas in which boats manned by oars would have been lost, has been effectively proven within the last year, and the department has already authorized the establishmet of several additional boats on the New England coast.



STEAMER MINNESOTA ON FIRE

A special despatch to the Colonist yesterday states that the big Hill liner Minnesota is on fire in port at Kobe, Japan. The cargo for Kobe had not been landed and this cargo and the vessel is reported badly damaged. Fire broke out on board the vessel yesterday morning while she was anchored at port. It is probable that the fire originated in the cotton she carried. The Minnesota left Seattle Nov. 30 for Yokohama and Hongkong via Kobe and other ports. The steamer is the only remaining Hill liner, the Dakota having been lost off Yokohama in March last. Fire has occurred several times on board the Minnesota, but the damage has not been great on previous occasions. The Hill steamer, which is commanded by Capt. Austin, is the largest steamer in the Pacific ocean flying the flag of the United States.

MISSING SHIPS WHOSE FATE WAS LEARNED

Few Have Been Heard From After Being Posted as Missing at Lloyds

The recent finding of the crew of the bark Dundonald in the Auckland islands and the tardy receipt of news indicating the fate of the Silberhorn recalls the fate of the French ship Mary Alice which left Sydney, Feb. 12, 1895, for Antwerp with wool. She was a missing ship, but wreckage was found in October strewn on the northeast corner of Auckland islands. It is not often news comes to hand of vessels posted as missing. The Brier Holme was posted missing. She left London in July, 1904, for Launceston January 7 news was received that she had been wrecked at South West Cape near Hobart. A search was instituted for the crew and a sole survivor who had existed for fourteen weeks on tinned provisions was found. Another case was that of the Manchester. She left New York August 23, 1900 for Yokohama, and was posted missing. In August of the following year news was received that wreckage had been found in February on the uninhabited island of Balkar in the Marshall group. The wreckage was afterward identified. None of the crew were discovered, but traces were found where people had been, and marks on the beach of keels of boats and footprints in the sand, also the body of a sailor in the bush who had recently died.

Within three months, according to unofficial information, a 6,000-ton steamship will be running between Hilo and San Pedro and transporting from the former to the latter port ohia timber contracted for by the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railroad, making the round trip every month and carrying during each year for a period of five years about 500,000 ties from Hawaii.

The steamer Princess May, Capt. McLeod, will sail tonight for Skagway, and the steamer Queen City, Capt. Neroutsos, for Hardy Bay and way ports.

LINERS SAIL FOR THE FAR EAST

Empress of Japan and Shinano Maru Leave for Hongkong—Tango Maru Due

The R. M. S. Empress of Japan sailed last night for Hongkong via ports of the Far east, 56 Chinese being added at the outer dock to the 900 already on board bound to the homeland. The steamer had a cargo of about 1,800 tons includig several shipments of Canadian flour. The steamer Shinano Maru of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha line also sailed yesterday for Hongkong, via the ports of the Orient. From here three Japanese were deported by order of Dr. G. L. Milne, one being a stowaway who arrived by the steamer on her inward trip, the other two being refused landing because of medical unfitness. The Shinano had six Japanese from Seattle sent back by the United States Immigration officials. Three were arrested recently at the Canadian border and were ordered deported. One was refused admittance as suffering from trachoma, another as a deserter from the Shinano maru, and the other was found to be a contract laborer. The steamer had a full cargo of general freight including heavy shipments of cotton, machinery, flour and general freight.

The steamer Tango Maru of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha is expected to reach port today. The steamer which left Yokohama December 11 has 116 passengers, Japanese, to be landed at this port and has 671 tons of general cargo for local merchants. The steamer Cyclops which is following the Tango Maru leaving Yokohama is expected to reach port on Saturday with a small number of Japanese steerage passengers and about 1,100 tons of freight for local consignees.

The steamer Oanfa of the Blue Funnel line which has already a very large cargo on board is to sail today from Tacoma for Liverpool. It is not yet known whether she will call at this port outward but a call is expected.

Making Long Trip.

The bark Kenilworth left Rio de Janiero on Tuesday to complete one of the longest voyages on record from Philadelphia for San Francisco. She has been 495 days making one-third of the distance and, if her present rate of progress is maintained, should arrive September 15, 1910. She left Philadelphia August 11, 1906, and has been 495 days in getting over one-third of her voyage. Last Tuesday she started out to tackle the remaining two-thirds. On February 11 she put into Montevideo in a damaged condition, having met with several hurricanes during which her sails were lost and her deck damaged. She left Montevidio April 4 after undergoing repairs, but again encountered heavy weather which drove her back to Rio de Janeiro on September 4 in a badly battered condition. Since that date the Kenilworth has been repaired and on Tuesday last she started in another attempt to reach port.

WORST OF SEASON

Monday's Gale Proved Destructive at Tatoosh—Huttonwood Dragged

The gale of Monday night was the heaviest experienced this year. The wind reached a velocity of 84 miles an hour off the Vancouver island coast. During the blow the steamer Huttonwood, which put into Esquimalt harbor yesterday afternoon, dragged her anchors. After nightfall two anchors were out with considerable chain, and riding high in ballast the vessel was drifted by the heavy gusts. It seemed to those watching from shore that the steamer would strike on White rocks. The anchors held, however, after dragging about sixty feet.

The wireless telegraph station at Tatoosh reported yesterday morning that it had suffered during the storm. The wind carried away the upper network of copper which receives the Hertzian waves, known technically as the aeriel. This was repaired yesterday morning, the station being unable to communicate in the meantime. A large plate glass window was blown in and other minor damage reported.

The wind died down yesterday and a heavy confused sea was running.

VENTURE RETURNS

Had a Rough Passage From Northern British Columbia Ports

The steamer Venture, of the Boscowitz Steamship company reached port yesterday morning from northern British Columbia ports. She brought 72 passengers and 5000 cases of salmon. She had a rough trip. She will be tied up and the steamer Vadso is being made ready to take the northern run for the company. The Vadso which was soon righted yesterday morning, will leave on Monday next bound to the north, and will make special calls at Skidegate, Jedway and Ikeda bay on the Queen Charlotte islands.

The Venture brought the motor launch Lily, from Bella Coola to this city.

KEEMUN'S SLOW TRIP.

Blue Funnel Liner Occupied 20 Days to Reach Yokohama.

The steamer Keemun of the Blue Funnel line made a slow passage from this port to Yokohama, having seemingly encountered rough weather as she occupied six days more than is usually required for the voyage by the big freighters. The Keemun reached the Japanese port on Sunday after a passage of twenty days.

THE OVERDUE MARKET

Two Vessels Reported Safe and Withdrawn—To Salve Columbia's Treasure

Several changes have been made in the overdue list. The steel bark Brunel, which left Pisagua June 29 for Europe and was reinsured at six per cent against total loss only, is reported safe. The bark Anna, which left Antofagasta July 28 for the United Kingdom, has also been reported safe and removed from the overdue market. She was insured at eight per cent. The British steamer Mount Temple of the C. P. R. stranded off the Nova Scotia coast is still quoted at 80 per cent against total loss.

A contract has been made to salve the cargo on board the stranded Conadian Pacific liner Mount Temple, on the basis of 33 1-3 per cent, dry cargo recovered, and 50 per cent wet cargo, where it is necessary to employ divers. The vessel now has all holds full of water, except No. 7 hold.

Endeavors are still being made to save the specie to the value of £19,000 which went down in the Pacific Steam Navigation company's liner Colombia. The vessel foundered at Cape Labos, near Callao, in the early autumn, but, in consequence of the bursting of the liner's decks, the greatest difficulty is being experienced in conducting salvage operations. The gold is lying in eight fathoms of water.

NORWEGIAN STEAMERS

To Have the Ore Carrying Trade Conserved for Them

While Norwegian steamers are competing at disadvantage to the home vessels in the Canadian coastwise trade without restriction, it is instructive to read the following in Fairplay: "It has already been stated that efforts were being made in Norway to effect the transportation of ore in vessels under the Norwegin flag only. It is now announced that two Norwegian firms—W. Wilhelmsen of Tonsberg (who owns the bulk of the steamers which worked in the British Columbia trade last season) and Fernley & Eger of Christiana—have received a ten years' concession dating from 1910 for prosecuting that trade. The loading of the ore in briquette form will take place at Kirkeness, Varanger, and it will be discharged at Rotterdam or some other Continental port. Most of the ore is taken by the German foundries."

TOLOSAN IS SOLD

Jebsen Line Disposes of Well Known Freighter to Japanese Owners at Kobe

For the fourth time in her career of twenty-four years the German steamer Tolosan is to change ownership and nationality. The report became public yesterday that M. Jebsen has sold the steamer to a Japanese shipping firm of Kobe.

The Tolosan has been operating in the North China fleet of Jebsen & Ostrander since last summer. Originally the Tolosan was a British steamer being one of the well-known "City" fleet and known as the City of Manchester. She was purchased in 1904 by M. Jebsen of Hamburg, and four months later was sold to the Russians during the trouble with Japan. In 1905 she was again purchased by M. Jebsen and was placed in the fleet from this port under the German flag. She is now to become Japanese.

Besides the Tolosan, Jebsen & Ostrander own and have under charter a fleet of nine steamers. The fleet consists of the Ilse, now due on the Sound to load general cargo for North China; the German steamers Marcellus, Eva, Erna and Wangard; the British steamer Sheila, the Norwegian steamers Haldis and Halvard, and the British steamer Queen Elizabeth.

Marine Notes.

The fund voted for the state support of shipbuilding in Japan, will, it is estimated, amount to $439,196 in the current year—about the same as for last year. It is expected that a heavier sum will be voted for next year, each of the three great steam navigation companies having placed orders for new boats.

It is reported that the Cunard company have decided to build two large steamers, with a speed of about 18 knots.

The steamer Tees will resume service on the west coast route on January 1st.

The cable steamer Restorer, Capt. Coombes, will leave Honolulu immediately after the New Year holiday to be refitted at Esquimalt. The steamer came here last year to be overhauled.

The steamer Cascade will leave at the end of the week to build a foundation for the new fog alarm bell at Helen point, Active pass. This will be one of the two patented fog bells provided by the marine department, the bell being built over a small cylinder in which acetylene gas is generated and discharged when sufficient has accumulated to reach a small light placed at a vent near the top of the cylinder, the discharge firing a ball which strikes the bell and then falls back into the cylinder ready for the next discharge.

MOVEMENT OF VESSELS

Steamers to Arrive.

From the Orient.

Vessel.	From.	Due.
Tango Maru		Dec. 25
Cyclops		Dec. 28
Empress of China		Jan. 5
Tremont		Jan. 7
Bellerophon		Jan. 9
From Australia.		
Miowera		Jan. 15
Oriana		Jan. 30
From Mexico.		
Lonsdale		Jan. 15
Germanicus		Dec. 26
From Liverpool.		
Princess Ena, sailed		Oct. 31
(Arrived Montevideo Dec. 3.)		
Cyclops, sailed		Oct. 12
Bellerophon, sailed		Nov. 9
Ning Chow		Dec. 5
From Skagway.		
Princess May		Jan. 4
Northern British Columbia ports		
Queen City		Dec. 30
Camosun (Saunders)		Dec. 30
Princess Beatrice		Dec. 25
From West Coast.		
Amur		Dec. 28
From San Francisco.		
Governor		Dec. 25
President		Dec. 30
City of Puebla		Jan. 4
Governor		Jan. 9

Sailing Vessels.

	Left.	Date.
Loudon Hill, Liverpool		May 24
(put into Capetown leaking, Aug. 17), sailed		Oct. 15
W. F. Babcock, Newcastle		——
Jas. Nesmith, Newcastle		——
Alta		Newcastle
Seestern, Cailao,		——
Hillston, Cardiff		Sept. 7
Inverneill, Honolulu		——
Strathgyre, Callao		——
Schwarzenbek, Callao		Nov. 16
Clan Galbraith, Santa Rosalia		——

Steamers to Sail.

From the Orient.

Line.	Date.
Tango Maru	Jan. 7
For Australia.	
Moana	Jan. 3
For Mexico.	
Georgia	Dec. 31
For Skagway.	
Princess May	Dec. 25
For Northern British Columbia Ports	
Princess Beatrice	Jan. 1
Vadso	Dec. 26
Camosun	Dec. 30
Queen City	Dec 25
For West Coast.	
Tees C. P. R.	Jan. 1
For San Francisco	
City of Puebla	Dec. 26
Governor	Dec. 31
President	Jan. 5
City of Puebla	Jan. 10

Local Steamers

Vancouver-Victoria

Princess Victoria.

Leaves Vancouver 1:30 p. m. daily.
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Arrives Victoria 6:30 p. m. daily.
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Victoria-Seattle.

Princess Royal.

Leaves Victoria 8:30 a. m. daily, except Monday.
Leaves Seattle 11:30 p. m. daily, except Monday.
Arrives Seattle 2:30 p. m. daily, except Monday.
Arrives Victoria 7 a. m. daily, except Tuesday.

Chippewa.

Leaves Victoria daily except Thursdays, 4.30 p.m.
Arrives daily except Thursdays 1.30 p.m.

Victoria-New Westminster

R. P. Rithet

Leaves Victoria Tuesday and Friday.
Leaves Westminster Wednesday and Saturday.

Upper Fraser River

Beaver

Leaves New Westminster 8 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, Friday.
Leaves Chilliwack 7 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday. Calling at landings between New Westminster and Chilliwack.

Lower Fraser River

Transfer

Leaves New Westminster Monday Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday aand Friday and Saturday 2 p. m.; Additional trip Monday 5 a.m.
Leaves Steveston, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, 7 a.m.; Friday 6 a.m. Additional trip Saturday 5 p.m.

Vancouver-Nanaimo (E. & N. Ry)

Joan

Leaves Nanaimo 7 a.m.
Leaves Vancouver 1.30 p.m. daily except Sunday.

Victoria-Nanaimo.

Nanaimo-Comox-Union—(E. & N. Ry.)

City of Nanaimo.

Leaves Victoria Tuesday 7 a. m. Arrives Nanaimo Tuesday 4 p. m.
Leaves Nanaimo Saturday 2 p. m. Arrives Victoria Saturday, 9 p. m.
Leaves Nanaimo Wednesday, 7 a. m. Arrives Union Bay and Comox Wednesday 2 p. m.
Leaves Union Bay and Comox Thursday, 7 a. m.
Arrives Nanaimo Thursday, 2 p. m.
Leaves Nanaimo Friday, 7 a. m.
Arrives Union Bay and Comox Friday, 2 p. m.
Leaves Union Bay and Comox Saturday, 7 a. m.
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Taku	35s to 36s 3d
Callao	47s 6d
Direct Nitrate port	47s 6d
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Italian ship Pellegrina O., 141 days from Newcastle (N. S. W.) for Antofogasta. Reinsurance 90 per cent.

French bark Bougainville, 192 days from Swansea for San Francisco, 7 per cent.

French bark General Faidherbe, 183 days from Eureka for United Kingdom, 5 per cent.

Steamer Mount Temple, C. P. R. steamer, ashore at Iron Bound island, 80 per cent.

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"The disengaged tonnage on the coast, not heavy a week ago, has dwindled to very small proportions now, but despite this fact the tendency of rates is toward further weakness.

"The feeling in the lumber freight market is distinctly easier. One steamer was fixed in Australia during the week for Sound loading to Sydney at 27s 6d, or 2s 6d below the last previous fixture made several weeks ago. There has been considerable activity on West coast account during the last few days; 47s 6d has been repeated to Callao and 30s has been done to Antofagasta. To China 36s 3d, steam, and 37s 6d sail, has been done. The rate from Portland to Panama is quoted at about $1, and to Manila at about 35c. Puget Sound to Junk Bay, general, has been done at $3.50, a reduction of 25c.

"The government has awarded to Olson & Mahoney a contract for 4,935,822 feet of lumber at $101,137, delivered at La Boca.

"Offshore rates are quoted approximately as follows: Lumber from Puget Sound or British Columbia to Sydney, 27s 6d; to Melbourne or Adelaide, 35s@37s 6d; to Port Pirie, 36s 3d @37s 6d; to Fremantle, 38s@40s; to Japan ports (steamers), 36s 3d, (sail), 37s 6d; to direct nitrate port, 46s 3d@50s; Valparaiso for orders, 47s 6d@50s, 2s 6d less to a direct port; to South African port, 53s 6d; to United Kingdom or continent, 56s 3d@57s 6d; Guaymas, $6.25.

"Coastwise lumber freighters are nominally $4.25 to this port and $5@$5.25 south.

"The government is still taking steamers for coal from the Atlantic range to the Pacific, the latest fixtures being on the basis of $5.80, San Francisco discharge.

"Liverpool mail advices report nitrate rates firm, up to 20s 7½d having been paid for December loading. Tyne to San Francisco has been done at 18s, 1,000 tons deadweight general, balance coke at 22s.

"Weddell, Turner & Co.'s Australian freight report under date of London, Dec. 3, says:

"South Australia and Victoria—There is an inquiry for a steamer for wheat to United Kingdom continent at 25s.

"New South Wales—Sydney—Steamer fixed for coals to San Francisco at 20s; also one to Colombo or Bombay at 13s. January steamer wanted for the homeward voyage on time basis.

"Newcastle—Steamer fixed for one voyage, redelivery, Africa, at 3s 7d, with 20 days' coal and hire. Coal chartering is at present at a standstill owing to the difficulty in arranging stems."

SEA COOKS MUST HAVE CERTIFICATES

British Board of Trade to Enforce Rules of Competency After July Next

Now, the sea cook is to be a certified officer of all British foreign-going ships of over 1,000 tons. After next July when ships are signing crews it will be necessary for the cook to produce before the shipping master his certificate to show that he is proficient in his art.

The cook of the present time is often a sailor who is stationed in the galley; sometimes he cannot boil water without burning it. But the paternal board of trade which watches over the destinies of sailors and which, since July 1 of this year has placed in force a new provision scale, has decreed that after July 1, 1908, every British ship will be required in accordance with the Shipping act to carry a duly certified cook.

The new sea cook as required by the board of trade is to be able to prove one month's service at sea in any capacity, and hold a certificate of discharge showing at least two years' service as cook prior to July 1, 1908. Thereafter the sea cook is to be a graduate of a cooking school. The board of trade proposes to approve schools of cookery for the purpose of granting certificates of competency, and schools desirous of obtaining approval are requested to make immediate application to the board. These schools will be liable to inspection from time to time and if found below the requisite standard of efficiency the board will withdraw its approval. Cooks will have to pass an examination and those who pass will be given certificates of competency by the board of trade, no other certificates than these being recognized as valid by shipping masters.

FEW AMERICAN SHIPS

One Calls at Hull, England, During Seven Years

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In a report on the shipping of Hull, England, United States Consul Walter C. Hamm directs attention to the disappearance of American shipping at that port as follows:

Among the 25,000 or more ships that have entered the Humber river ports during the past seven years there has been only one ship of American register. This was the bark Homeward Bound, from San Francisco, loaded with barley, which reached Hull in March, 1906.

In the years from 1895 to 1900, both inclusive, at least one American ship a year arrived in the port of Hull, but in the seven and a half years from April, 1900, to October, 1907, only the one ship of American register has entered the Humber river. No more striking evidence than this probably can be given of the decadence of the American merchant marine. Regular lines of steamship run from Hull to New York and Boston. Another line to Galveston touches at Grimsby, the second port on the Humber river. Chance steamships also run frequently to Philadelphia, Norfolk, Savannah, New Orleans, and Galveston. Not one of them, however, flies the American flag. The trade must be profitable or it would not be kept up. It is to be regretted that Americans have no share in it.

MAY BRING SEALERS

Matson Navigation Company After Planter's Line

Advices from Honolulu state that there are certain people in Honolulu interested in the Matson Navigation company, and the Planters' line of sailing vessels, who insist that the former concern has purchased the latter, although no price is mentioned, and they declare that after January 1, the vessels of the Planters' line will come here flying the house flag of the Matson company. These vessels are the bark Mohican, bark Gerard C. Tobey, ship Hawaiian isles, bark Amy Turner, ship Fort George, bark George Curtis, schooner W. H. Marston, bark R. P. Rithet, bark Andrew Welch and bark St. Katherine."

VEGA IS SAFE

Reached Seattle From San Francisco After Stormy Trip

Victorians, who knew Capt. Victor Gullin when he was in charge of local sealing schooners, learned yesterday with satisfaction that his three-masted schooner Vega of the Seattle Shipping company for whose safety fears were expressed, has arrived at Tacoma safely from San Pedro. Capt. Gullin reported that his trip up the coast was unusually rough, though the worst weather was encountered off Cape Flattery. The little vessel was beaten around off the entrance to the straits and before she succeeded in getting inside lost some canvas and sustained damage to her gear.

A SHAKESPEARE CHRISTMAS

In Shakespeare's Time the English were powerful in mind and body, but they were children in their capacity for pleasure and loved shows of all kinds as the boys of today love the circus. They were a loyal, affectionate folk, hearty in mind and body and given to hospitality. If they loved sack and ale overmuch, they loved them in company. Prices of all kinds have risen enormously since that time, but no one thing has advanced in value more rapidly than time. We confine our Christmas celebration to a single day, and loosen the bonds of business a little during holiday week; they devoted twelve days to merriment, and the fun sometimes ran on from four to six weeks. From Christmas Eve to Twelfth Night the England of Shakespeare's day took no account of time and gave itself up to merrymaking. In palace, university, hall and cottage there was eating and drinking and mumming and singing and playing in costume, and many sports, gentle or rude.

"England was merry England; when
Old Christmas brought his sports again
'Twas Christmas broached the nightingale,
'Twas Christmas told the merriest tale,
A Christmas gambol oft would cheer
The poor man's heart through half the year."

Festivities had often run a course of some length before Christmas Eve, but that eventful night marked the real beginning of the season. All sorts of traditions, legends and beliefs about the sacred night were floating about England from the earliest times. Then, Marcellus, in "Hamlet," tells us:

". . . no spirit can walk abroad.
The nights are wholesome; then no planets strike,
No fairy takes, nor witch hath power to charm,
So hallow'd and so gracious is the time."

On the holy night the oxen knelt in their stalls at midnight in adoration of the Child who once lay in a manger. Bees sang in their hives. Invisible bells rang in unison on the midnight air. In many poetic fancies the song of the angels at the Nativity echoed and reechoed over England.

The Bringing in of the Yule-log was one of the notable events in the Christmas calendar. It was selected early and with care, and carried with singing and shouting into the great kitchen or stately hall, and, after the Yule-songs had been sung, was dragge into the great fireplace and was soon roaring up the wide-throated chimney in cheerful flames.

"Come bring with a noise,
My merrie, merrie boys,
The Christmas log to the firing;
While my good dame she
Bids you all be free,
And drink to your heart's desiring."

Herrick, who loved the good things of this world while he sang of the joys of Paradise, was not above chanting the praises of food and drink, and, although a poet of exquisite gifts, appears to have been also a very solid Englishman. He tells us that the "new block" was lighted by "last year's brand," and thus the fire ran on from Christmas to Christmas in unbroken continuity. Many beliefs clustered about this log which lighted and warmed the great hall, and it was regarded in the early times as a protection against evil spirits; if the log happened to go out during the festivities it was considered a very bad omen.

The lighting of the Yule-log on Christmas Eve was the formal beginning of the feasting and merrymaking. Doors stood wide open in houses, large and small. In the great halls of nobles and gentlemen tenants and retainers were feasted to their heart's content; in the more modest homes friends gathered to do honor to their host and the season.

A great wassail-bowl was the centre of attraction; it was filled, in homes of wealth, with strong wine, spiced and sweetened, and floating roasted apples on its surface. Poorer folks used ale tempered with sugar, nutmeg, ginger and other ingredients. The word wassail has a Saxon root and is the equivalent of the modern phrases of conviviality, "Here's to you," "Your Health."

In Palace, Castle and Hall, plays, masques and pageants more or less splendid were part of the Christmas festivities; in the country and among the people at large mumming held a great place. The mummers, disguised in all summer of uncouth, fantastic garments, went from house to house, partaking of the wassail-bowl and making more or less hilarious fun. These performances were generally of a rude order, and the informality often verged on roughness and the freedom of speech on vulgarity. The masks worn by the older performers and the blackened faces of the boys led to audacity of action and of speech. At the palace, the universities and the inns of court these performances were often elaborate and even splendid. The Lord of Misrule, Master of the Revels, King of Christmas, or Abbot of Unreason, as he was variously called in different places, was the official embodiment of the hilarity of the season.

In the induction to the "Taming of the Shrew," in one of his few references to Christmas, Shakespeare puts the words into the mouth of the Messenger:

"Your honor's players, hearing your amendment,
Are coming to play a pleasant comedy,
For so your doctors hold it very meet,
Seeing too much sadness hath congeal'd your blood,
And melancholy is the nurse of frenzy:
Therefore, they thought it good you hear a play,
And frame your mind to mirth and merriment,
Which bars a thousand harms, and lengthens life."

And Christopher Sly answers:

"Marry, I will let them play. Is it not a commonty,
A Christmas gambol, or a tumbling trick?"

In a "Masque of Christmas" by Ben Jonson the venerable figure of Christmas is described as "attired in round hose, long stockings, a close doublet, a high-crowned hat with a broach, a long, thin beard, a truncheon, little ruffs, white shoes, his scarfs and garters tied cross, and his drum beatin' before him," followed by his large and jolly family, Miss-rule, Caroll, Minced-pie, Gamboll, Post-and-Pair, New Year's Gift, Mumming, Wassail and others.

On Christmas Morning there was great ringing of bells; at the early service the altars blazed with lights, carols and hymns were sung joyously, and good will found expression in many ways. The people lingered in the porches of country churches to exchange greetings. The great landlords of the parish sometimes stood at the gates of the parks distributing alms to those who needed them, while in the great hall tables were spread for tenants and retainers. The rites of hospitality were sacredly observed in "Merry England" at all times, and for twelve days everybody kept open house. The chief event of the day was the dinner, and the culmination of the dinner was the bringing in of the boar's head, garnished with rosemary and bays, announced by a flourish of trumpets, preceded by the Master of the Revels, and followed by minstrels singing appropriate songs. The peacock appeared later, its splendid plumage spared for the occasion and its beak gilded. The table groaned under the weight of geese, capons, pheasants and meat pies of noble size. The wassail-bowl was accessible at all times. When evening came the fires were replenished, and songs, dances, games, masques and mummings of all kinds were kept up to a late hour. The sixteenth-century English did not live so long as their twentieth-century descendants, but they lived with immense heartiness and a prodigal lavishness in the matter of food and drink. They did not need to count the cost, for living was far simpler than today; and in that uncommercial age the nobleman looked after the welfare of his retainers, the landlord cared for his tenants, and men of substance recognized the claims of those less fortunate. It was not a golden age, but there were many golden things about it; and one of these was its wholehearted celebration of Christmas.

The guests in the castle, hall and cottage on Christmas Eve were not left to their own devices; the village folks took a hand in the festivities. Little parties of men went about from door to door and made the night glad or sad with songs, full of the spirit of the season. Like all Christmas observations the singing of carols and songs of a more worldly nature dates from very early times; and "the waits," as the serenaders were called, were the last successors of the singers who once sang professionally in palace and castles. The waits were of various degrees of respectability, from the village choir to the hangers-on about near-by taverns, and the music they made, under leaded windows aglow with light, was of varying degrees of excellence; but they all expected to be called in and nourished or put in the way of Christmas cheer elsewhere.

The Christmas carol has a still longer history and remains one of the most affecting and beautiful features of the great festivity. The old carols have largely given place to modern songs, but a few sweet ancient songs are still sung by American children, and in the remoter parts of England quaint old sacred ballads are still heard. These songs are wonderfully effective, by reason of their simplicity and childlike naivete.

The covering of pillars, stairs and walls with evergreens is so old a custom that no one knows when it began. In old, as in modern, days, the air was fragrant with the breath of pine and balsam. The ivy, the holly, the mistletoe and rosemary were woven together in wreaths or garlands, or hung in great bunches from ceiling and arch. The laurel has been in use for festive occasions since the Romans made it the symbol of victory. No Christmas would be complete without the dark leaves of the holly framing its clusters of red berries. Rosemary has long been "for remembrance," and the wassail-bowl was stirred with it as a suggestion of other revels and revelers. As for the mistletoe, have not the poets sung its praises and the romancers dwelt at length and with detail on the unique privilege it confers—the liberty to kiss whoever happens to be standing under it?

The Druids attached great importance to it and invested it with the gracious qualities of keeping away evil spirits and of healing certain disorders. It is from these superstitions that the kissing privilege undoubtedly arose, and its nature may be gathered from the comment of an English writer: "The maid who was not kissed under it would not be married that year." Out of consideration for the unmarried, therefore, it was hung in doorways and other exposed places where the unwary were most easily caught.—Hamilton Mabie in Ladies' Home Journal.

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Mainland News

SUFFERS HARDSHIP ON TEXADA ISLAND

Timber Cruiser's Narrow Escape From Death—Companion Likely Dead

Vancouver, Dec. 24.—Five days and nights in the woods on the uninhabited southeast end of Texada island, without food, blankets or even a knife and towards the last without even matches to light a fire, George McGrath, a timber cruiser, was almost dead from hunger and exposure when rescued last Thursday by the tug Chinook. A companion of the unfortunate man, who was blown out into Malaspina Strait in a small dory, with but one oar, has not been heard of and it is feared that he is either drowned or marooned on some lonely spot on the coast where he may starve to death.

McGrath was so weak and emaciated that he fell several times while descending to the beach to reach the small boat which the tug put ashore to take him off. The tugboat men say that the privations and exposure the man had passed through would certainly have left him insane or dead had he not been rescued within forty-eight hours.

Another night on the island would probably have killed McGrath, as the weather on Thursday was very cold, and snow was falling. The man's matches were all gone, and even had he been in good physical condition, it it not thought he could have survived long. Just prior to his adventure, Mr. Grath had been discharged from the Rock Bay hospital, where he had been seriously ill with pleurisy. He reached Vancouver on Saturday night on the tug.

Five days before McGrath was picked up, he and another man were skirting the shores in a small dory, and McGrath landed to take a look at some timber. The other man was to have rowed a short distance along the shore to a point where he was to have picked McGrath up. While he was pushing the dory along in the face of a strong offshore wind, one of the oars broke, and unable to hold the boat against the wind with the remaining oar, he was blown out into Malaspina strait which separates Texada island from the mainland.

McGrath realized that he was in a terrible plight as he watched the dory gradually working offshore till sight of it was lost in the gathering gloom—he had no food, no covering, and only a few matches. That night he made the best of conditions, feeling more anxiety for his companion than for himself, as he fully expected to be picked up the following day.

Tugs and steamers passed up and down through Malaspina Strait in plain sight of the marooned man, but none came close enough inshore to see his desperate signalling. At last giving up all hope of being sighted by any passing vessel, McGrath started through the tangle of forest for the western side of the island in the hope that he might run across some Indians or a stray settler. He found neither. Away at the northern end of the island lay Van Anda on the eastern shore, and a mining camp at Gillies bay on the western shore, but the miles of forest intervention, through which there was not so much as a trail, made it impossible for the man to think of making his way north.

As day followed night, after a night of bitter cold, McGrath gradually weakened, as the little food he was able to pick up on the beach fortified him scarcely at all. He had about given up hope of getting off the island alive when the tug Chinook, bound from Van Anda for Nanaimo, and hugging the shore closely for shelter from a southeaster, hove in sight. Climbing a conspicuous rock, McGrath waved his coat as continuously as his little remaining strength would permit. His signals were seen by the man at the wheel, and a boat was sent to pick him up.

What became of McGrath's companion is a mystery. Had he been picked up or reached shore he would undoubtedly have sent a rescuing party after McGrath. It is believed that he was drowned.

North Vancouver Ferry.

North Vancouver, Dec. 24.—A motion was passed unanimously last night that the meeting of the Board of Trade of North Vancouver endorse the action of the city council in the negotiations for the purchase of the ferry, and that the council be backed up especially in carrying the by-law which will be submitted to the people at the election of January 16. A further motion was passed that a committee be appointed to specially assist the council in making this by-law clear to the people and getting it passed. William Morden, S. D. Schultz, M. S. McDowell, J. R. J. Murray and D. G. Dick were named to for this committee.

Repairing Dredge.

New Westminster, Dec. 24.—Minor repairs having been found necessary, the dredge King Edward has been removed from the foot of Ninth street, where it had been engaged for the past several days, to the government dockyards at Sapperton, to be overhauled.

Three Years In Prison.

New Westminster, Dec. 24.—W. Munro, of Sumas, was yesterday sentenced to three years' imprisonment by Judge Howay, he having been found guilty of a crime committed several months ago.

VANCOUVER CASES

Bellcourts Allowed to Go on Suspended Sentence—Perdue Gets One Year

Vancouver, Dec. 24.—Alfred and Edward Bellcourt, alias Glenn, passing counterfeit money at North Vancouver, sentence suspended. Alfred Perdue, forgery, two cases, one year's imprisonment.

The reason for the judicial Christmas box to the Glenns of Calgary was "extenuating circumstances and previous good character." The charges against Perdue of uttering the two forged notes, both signed by J. W. Brooks per J. E. Bright, the C. P. R. contractor, one for $60 and the other for $68, were fully proved. One was passed on the Flett Hardware company, the other on Mr. Hamage, the jeweler.

The extenuating circumstances surrounding the passing of the admittedly counterfeit coin in the Larsen hotel, were put in a word by W. E. Burns, counsel for the accused.

"It was in an atmosphere of gambling. Money was placed in a slot machine in the hope of getting money. If they lost, the money was to pay for the music, which was inaudible. The machine hasn't turned out a tune in six months as the evidence has shown.

His Honor Judge Cane not only agreed with this, but the further circumstances, the entire absence of any attempt on the part of either of the accused to pass the money elsewhere or in trade. It was counterfeit money, but it was not likely to go beyond the machine. Then there was the previous good character of both.

"So I think I am fully justified," aded the court, "in suspending sentence in this case."

Mr. Burns then changed his role of counsel for the defence to counsel for the crown in the case of young Perdue. Gordon Grant had no extenuating circumstances to urge for the accused, while the evidence of Mr. Bright and that of handwriting experts were sufficient proof of the guilt which had been denied.

IN MINING COUNTRY

Times in Rossland Continue Fairly Good—Dullness Felt in Boundary

Vancouver, Dec. 24.—"Mining conditions in the upper country just now are anything but favorable, but a revival is expected early in the new year," said R. P. Williams, a well known mining machinery agent, of Rossland, who is at the Hotel Vancouver. "In the Boundary district, where the most activity usually prevails, affairs are unusually quiet. It is hoped that additional measures to adjust the difficulties between the big copper companies and their employees will soon be reached.

"Times in Rossland can really be described as good, as the miners over eight hundred in number, never stopped work, having accepted the reduced or former wage scale. The Le Roi mine, and the War Eagle and Centre Star mines, controlled by the Canadian Consolidated Mining & Smelting company, are jointly outputting over four thousand tons of ore weekly. The smelter at Trail and the St. Eugene mine at Moyie, also owned by the same corporation, are also working full shifts. The Daly Reduction company at Hedley, in the Similkameen district, is also operating on a large scale. The opinion is general that next year's output will be the largest in the history of the interior.

Southern Okanagan Progress

W. T. Shatford, of Penticton, manager of the Southern Okanagan Land company, is in the city. He is very much pleased with the progress made by his company this season, the open winter having enabled them to keep on ploughing and preparing the land for tree-planting right up to date. About 400 acres of fruit lots, which have been recently sold by the company have been plowed, and all preparations made for planting 40,000 fruit trees. Mr. Shatford is taking a vacation and during his absence the business will be managed by his brother, L. W. Shatford, M. P. P., who is at present making his headquarters at Penticton. Mr. Shatford leaves today for Halifax and intends to take a trip to Jamaica and other West Indian points before his return next spring.—Vernon News.

PROPOSED CHANGE IN CIVIC SYSTEM

Vancouver Alderman Offers a Resolution to Abandon Special Charter

Vancouver, Dec. 24.—Ald. Bird sprang a surprise on the city council at the closing moment of a session lasting nearly four hours last night, when he gave notice of a resolution pointing to the doing away of the government of the city under the provisions of its special charter, thus bringing the civic machinery under the guidance of the General Municipal Clauses Act.

The hour at which the matter was sprung was so late that no attempt was made to open discussion on the point, and Ald. Bird in his statement of intention gave no reasons for the move. Under the council rule the matter will come up at the next regular session.

Mayor Bethune brought before the attention of the council the authority now possessed by the city for the creation of a board of control, and suggested, in view of the fact that a popular vote on the question had never been taken, that the subject be placed before the electorate in the form of a plebiscite at the coming elections. His worship said he mentioned the matter in order that the council might be prepared to more fully discuss the idea at a special council meeting next Monday night.

The government of the city was brought to the fore during the session by the introduction of a resolution stating that as the council had heard it reported that the provincial authorities were contemplating a change in the constitution of license commissioners, whereby the entire body in this city might be appointed by the provincial government. It was respectfully advised that any such change was not deemed wise or advisable.

Some discussion was aroused on this question as to the propriety of the council sending forth such a statement without being more definitely advised as to the government's intention. The resolution finally prevailed, Ald. Ramsay suggesting that the council might well add a rider to the effect that the council would be better pleased should the government make a change whereby the entire commission should be elected by the residents.

Fast Time With Mail

Vancouver, Dec. 24.—The Overseas mail arrived today, eighty-two hours from St. John. This is the best westbound run ever made, comparing with seventy-six hours eastward.

Mr. Montelius Injured

Vancouver, Dec. 24.—W. W. Montelius, the well known merchant, was knocked down and badly injured today by a horse on Hastings street.

Bridge Carpenter Drowned

Vancouver, Dec. 24.—George Aldredge, bridge carpenter, formerly of Brandon, fell off the city's new bridge across Seymour creek today. He was carried into the canyon and was drowned.

Boulder Hits Car.

Vancouver, Dec. 24.—Passengers arriving in Vancouver on Sunday night on the Seattle express report that near Haney a large boulder crashed through the roof of the day coach, landing in a vacant seat. It is supposed that the boulder was displaced by a charge of powder which workmen were using along the track. Other than the damage to the car no harm was done.

Water Supply Question.

New Westminster, Dec. 24.—Upon the report of Col. T. H. Tracy, C.E., of Vancouver, depends entirely whether or not the proposed three municipalities water system will be carried out. Richmond, Delta and New Westminster are the three interested, while a counter proposition whereby water could be obtained from the Nicomekl is also under consideration. All the facts and plans in connection with the case have been submitted to Col. Tracy and his report should be ready for inspection within the course of the next few days.

Vancouver's Debentures

Vancouver, Dec. 24.—At last night's council meeting Ald. Ramsay read a report from the comptroller stating that the city would receive only 82 or 83 for its bonds recently sold was an error. The city would net 85 on the debentures, the agreement stating that the change of sterling denomination was done at the expense of the purchaser.

Storm on Fraser.

New Westminster, Dec. 24.—A storm raged on the Fraser river all night, causing damage to several of the fishing boats and gasoline launches moored along the water front. In several cases the rocking of the boats caused the retaining ropes to break, with the result that the crafts were sent adrift. In most cases the boats were secured before the current had carried them any distance.

Farmers Fight Application.

New Westminster, Dec. 24.—Four residents of Coquitlam, in the vicinity of Lake Como, are vigorously opposing the granting of 1,000 inches of water from this lake to the Fraser river sawmills, which applied for a record a few days ago, intending to use the water for power purposes in connection with their big mill at Millside. C. C. Fisher, government agent, will give both sides a special hearing on Dec. 30, when all parties interested will present arguments and objections.

Moral Reform.

New Westminster, Dec. 24.—Less than a week from this date the edict of the city fathers with regard to the red-light district will go into effect, and every woman now residing on McNeeley and Ramage streets will be compelled to leave the city or reform. Some two months ago all inmates of resorts were notified that their presence in the city would not be tolerated after the end of the year, and they were instructed to make arrangements for leaving before January 1. Already several of the women have left town, but a number remain, and there is a probability that the cleaning-out effort will be attended with trouble early in the new year, when the police will be requested to enforce the ruling of the city council.

Grave of T. C. Druce

London, Dec. 24.—Extraordinary precautions are being taken to prevent tampering with the grave of T. C. Druce, which will be opened in the course of the next few days to prove whether or not it contains the body of Druce or a roll of lead.

Germany's Naval League

Berlin, Dec. 24.—It would appear that Emperor William has declined to interfere in the internal quarrel which is threatening to disrupt the naval league. According to despatches received from Munich, the Emperor has requested the branch of the league to ask those members who intended to resign to suspend action until after New Year's day, when Prince Ruprecht of Bavaria is coming to Berlin to talk over the matter with His Majesty at the New Year's reception.

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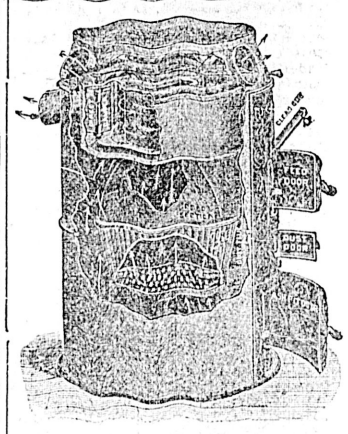

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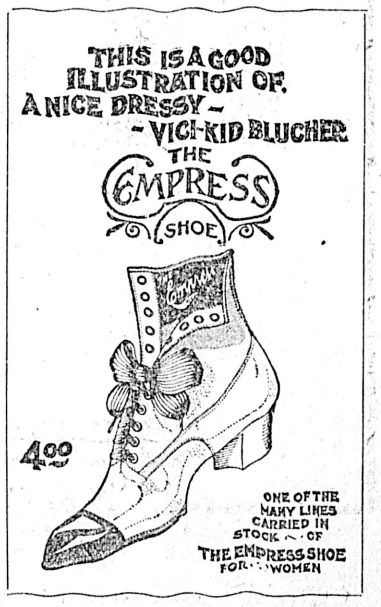

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COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

SMALL BUSINESS IN STOCK MARKET

Various Influences Still at Work to Discourage Speculation

New York, Dec. 24.—The stock exchange might as well not have been in session today for anything that was accomplished. There was a slight spurt of activity in the first hour, and after that the market became lethargic. The pre-holiday influence was partly responsible for this although there was lacking the usual trimming process caused by the closing of accounts over the holidays, such outstanding accounts being apparently at a minimum. This probably explained the small effect comparatively of the stringent state of the money market on prices. Underlying strength was inferable from this resistance of the market to the influence to the money condition.

There was some special weakness in the railroad and electrical equipment stocks, traceable easily to the fears of cutting down of outlay by the railroads to keep pace with the declining tendency of earnings now clearly in evidence. Reports of the reduction of working forces in factories or total shut-downs in some cases pointed to the same conclusion as to the course of industrial affairs.

The abstract of the condition of banks throughout the country showing by responses to the comptroller's call for December 3rd was regarded as reassuring as to the condition of the banking fabric as a whole, the percentage of legal reserve to deposit standing on that date at 21.31 per cent compared with 21.23 per cent on August 22 and 20.80 per cent on November 12 last year.

Although there has been a shinkage of individual deposits for the shorter period of $142,161,686, the government deposits have in the meantime increased by $79,834,460, and that factor must have affected also the special and legal tender holdings materially, the decrease in holdings being only $40,838,796. But it is in the items reflecting the inner relations of the bank that the dislocation of the usual banking conditions are most sharply defined. The sum due from banks and reserve agents has shrunk since August 22, by $146,834,372, and since November 12 of last year by $214,496,640, while the amount due other banks and bankers has fallen $191,526,617 since August 22, and slightly less in the yearly comparison.

It is the persistence of this condition which is given responsibility for the persistence of the currency premium in New York and the embarrassments in exchange operations. The opinion is growing that the way out of this state will be the restoration of a surplus by the New York banks by their own measures, after which banks everywhere in the country are expected to resume their normal relations with the reserve centers.

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Nova Scotia Steel, com.	...	54
Can. Pac. Ry., Montreal	...	150
Can. Pac. Ry., London	154½	...

DOUBTS PURCHASE

Financial Paper Doubts Rumored C. P. R. Purchase of Maine Lines

The daily press has been replete with statements that the C.P.R. directors have acquired control of the Boston and Maine through the purchase of over 100,000 shares, acquired recently by the New York, New Haven and Hartford, says the Financial Post. It is hardly likely that such is the case and the story has been denied by Sir William Van Horne. Strategically, the Boston and Maine would be of considerable assistance to the C.P.R. in giving another outlet to the Atlantic seaboard, but its immense network of local lines in New England are more natural feeders of the New Haven road. Unless the latter line is compelled to sell to a company stronger in cash resources, it is quite unlikely its directors would give up a prize which they had great difficulty in winning.

The Saturday Review of London published last week a paragraph to the effect that C.P.R. stock was much too high and that decreased traffic must be looked for during the coming year. Whatever may be the reduction in volume of emigration this spring the C.P.R.'s gains in net earnings for November, January, February and March should be sufficient to offset any reduction in traffic during the last three months of its fiscal year. Even without a rush of immigrants the traffic from the territories already settled must constantly increase. The slight recession of C.P.R. shares to 148, on Wednesday was quickly overcome on Thursday. On Friday morning they were weaker, around 149½. The November net results, when they appear, should afford a bullish argument.

In a comparison of the growth of traffic on Great Northern and C.P.R. the Wall Street Journal points out that since 1901 C.P.R.'s gross earnings have increased from $4,000 per mile to nearly $8,000, or 93 per cent., while the Great Northern's have advanced from $5,500 to $9,000, or 69 per cent.

Collision Caused Injuries

Niagara Falls, Ont., Dec. 24.—Chicago express No. 7, leaving here at one o'clock this morning, collided with a yard engine at the west end of the yard. Both engines were damaged and Fireman Callahan, of Sarnia, of the express, was slightly injured. Fireman Ludlow, of this city, fireman on the yard engine, was seriously injured. Both engineers escaped injury. Five passengers were slightly injured. The cause of the accident is supposed to be a misunderstanding of signals.

REACTION IN STATES

As Indicated by Bank Clearings and Decreased Railway Earnings

In general business reaction, says Henry Clews, is becoming more and more apparent. It has all along been maintained in these advices that effects of the late panic would not be limited to Wall Street, but would gradually extend to practically all departments of trade. November clearing house statements strikingly confirm these statements. The total clearings of all cities in the United States in November showed the extraordinary decline of 30 per cent. including nearly 34 per cent. in the Middle States, 22 per cent. in the New England States, 16 per cent. in the Middle West, and 16 per cent. in the South. The smallest shrinkage was naturally on the Pacific Coast, where it amounted to only about 2 per cent. New York, of course, suffered more than any other city, the percentage of decline here amounting to over 36 per cent. The total clearings aggregated $9,600,000,000, or about $1,000,000,000 less than a year ago. In New York city the total clearings aggregated $5,500,000,000, a decrease of over $3,000,000,000 within the month. This is an extraordinary shrinkage and illustrates clearly the severity of the late panic. The effect of lessened trade activity is already being felt in railroad earnings; the gross total reported by 33 roads in the fourth week of November being $11,500,000, a decrease of $163,000 compared with a year ago. Considering that for years earnings have shown steady increases ranging from 5 per cent. to as high as 20 per cent. compared with last year, the reduction is further testimony as to the consequences of the panic upon trade. The failures in November aggregated $17,638,000, compared with $12,000,000 the same time in 1906. Such facts are not presented as discouraging features, but simply to show what has been, and to demonstrate the severity of the crisis.

WHERE IS THE WHEAT ?

World's Supplies Decreasing Rapidly Despite Heavy Shipments to Market

Chicago, Dec. 24.—One of the striking features of the wheat situation is the decrease of 3,000,000 bushels in supplies in sight between July 1 and December 1, whereas last year they increased 15,000,000 bushels. It has been many years since such a decrease in the visible supply occurred during the period of largest marketing. It shows at any rate large consumption. Exports were also large, 73,000,000 bushels, or 3,000,000 bushels more than last year; but this explains neither the difference n stocks left on hand nor the disappearance of the wheat. One of the most conservative statisticians in the trade presents the situation as to supplies and probable requirements from July 1, 1907, to July 1 1908. The figures are annexed:

	Bushels.
Primary receipts July 1 to Dec. 1, '07	118,000,000
Primary receipts July 1, to Dec. 1, '06	130,000,000
Exports, July 1 to Dec. 1, '07	73,000,000
Exports, last year	70,000,000
Visible, Dec. 1, inc. over 1906	1,900,000
Crop, 1907	626,000,000
Supplies, all positons, July 1, 1906	135,000,000
Total supplies	761,000,000
Consumption	470,000,000
Seed	75,000,000
Exports to date	73,000,000
Aggregate supplies	618,000,000
Surplus for seven months	143,000,000
Exports, Dec. 1, 1906, to July 1, 1907	76,000,000

In the face of the depression in supplies through the movement period, and of the shortage in the crop as compared with last year, there is still no absolute shortage in wheat. But the trade is afraid that there will be, and consequently buys on all breaks. The world's supplies on December 1 were 181,432,000 bushels, a decrease of 207,000 bushels under those of October 1, and a reduction of 37,766,000 bushels from last year. American supplies increased 2,463,000 bushels in October, and are 24,037,000 bushels less than last year. European stocks afloat decreased slightly, and are over 13,000,000 bushels below those of last year. Stocks in store in Europe are 24,200,000 bushels less than last year. Comparative supplies follow:

	Dec. 1, '07	Dec. 1, '06.
Afloat for Eur.	27,620,000	28,790,000
In store, Eur.	46,710,000	60,910,000
In store, Argen.	368,000	808,000
Do Australia	1,700,000	490,000
Do America	104,944,000	128,050,000
Total, bu.	181,342,000	219,048,000

MAKE FINE SHOWING

Canadian Railways Rank High in Gross Increases in Earnings

In the way of gross increases for the month of November, the Canadian roads made a splendid showing.

Canadian Pacific was second, Canadian Northern was third, and Grand Trunk sixth.

The increases for the month were as follows:

Great Northern System	$914,043
Canadian Pacific	599,187
Canadian Northern	216,700
Colorado and Southern	203,376
Illinois Central	199,192
Grand Trunk	173,820
Yazoo and Missippi Valley	75,735
Western Maryland	74,639
Buffalo, Rochester and. Pittsburg	71,879
Central of Georgia	56,900

The more noteworthy decreases from November, 1906, are shown in the following:

International and Gt. Nor.	$337,000
Texas and Pacific	258,920
Louisville and Nashville	221,742
Missouri Pacific System	145,000
Chicago Great Western	134,789
Wabash	100,103
St. Louis South-Western	83,815
Chi. Indianapolis and Louis	70,605

It should be particularly explained that the loss reported by the Chicago Great Western is due in large part if not wholly to a strike which has continued on the road since September 14.

THE LOCAL MARKETS

Retail Prices

Flour.

Royal Household, a bag	$2.00
Lake of the Woods, a bag	$2.00
Royal Standard	$2.00
Wild Rose, per bag	$1.75
Calgary, a bag	$2.00
Hungarian, per bbl.	$7.75
Snowflake, a bag	$1.75
Snowflake, per bbl.	$6.50
Moffet's Best, per sack	$2.00
Moffet's Best, per bbl.	$7.75
Drifted Snow, per sack	$1.75
Three Star, per sack	$2.00

Foodstuffs.

Bran, per ton	$30.00
Shorts, per ton	$32.00
Feed Wheat, per ton	$42.00
Oats, per ton	$37.00
Barley, per ton	$31.00
Hay, Fraser River, per ton	$25.00
Cornmeal, per ton	$38.00
Chop Feed, best, per ton	$27.00
Whole Corn, best, per ton	$36.00
Middlings, per ton	$30.00

Vegetables.

Celery, four heads	25
Lettuce, hot house, 3 heads	10
Garlic, per lb.	10
Onions, local, per lb.	6
Tomatoes, outdoor, 3 lbs.	25
Potatoes, local, per sack	$1.75
Sweet Potatoes, new, 4 lbs.	25
Vegetable marrow, each	10 to 25
Green peppers, each	3
Chili peppers, per lb.	30
Squash, per lb.	4
Pumpkins, per lb.	4
Cauliflower, each	15 to 25
Cabbage, local, per lb.	5
Red Cabbage, per lb.	5

Dairy Produce.

Eggs—	
Fresh Island, per dozen	70
Cooking, per dozen	40
Cheese—	
Canadian, per lb.	25
Neufchatel, each	5
Cream, local, each	10
Butter—	
Manitoba, per lb.	35
Best, dairy, per lb.	40
Victoria Creamery, per lb.	50
Cowichan Creamery, per lb.	50
Delta Creamery, per lb.	50
Butter, cooking, per lb.	30

Fruit.

Quince, per lb.	10
Grape Fruit, per dozen	1.00
Oranges, per dozen	30 to 50
Lemons, per dozen	30
Figs, cooking, per lb.	8 to 10
Apples, local, per box	2.00 to 2.25
Grapes, California, per basket	60
Bananas, per dozen	35
Figs, table, per lb.	75
Raisins, Valencia, per lb.	15
Raisins, table, per lb.	25 to 60
Grapes, Con., per basket	1.00
Pineapples, each	50
Pears, per box	1.25 to 1.50
Cranberries, per lb.	20

Nuts.

Walnuts, per lb.	30
Brazils, per lb.	30
Almonds, Jordon, per lb.	75
Almonds, California, per lb.	30
Cocoanuts, each	15
Pecans, per lb.	30
Chestnuts, per lb.	30

Fish.

Cod, salted, per lb.	10 to 13
Halibut, fresh, per lb.	8 to 10
Halibut, smoked, per lb.	15
Cod, fresh, per lb.	6 to 8
Flounders, fresh, per lb.	6 to 8
Salmon, fresh, white, per lb.	8
Salmon, fresh, red, per lb.	10 to 12
Salmon, smoked, per lb.	20
Clams, per lb.	5
Oysters, Olympia, per pint	40 to 50
Oysters, Toke Point, doz.	40 to 50
Shrimps, per lb.	25 to 30
Smelts, per lb.	5 to 10
Herring, kippered, per lb.	12½
Finnan Haddie, per lb.	25

Meat and Poultry.

Lamb, per lb.	15 to 25
Mutton, per lb.	12½ to 20
Lamb, per quarter, fore	1.00 to 1.50
Lamb, per quarter, hind	1.75 to 2.00
Veal, dressed, per lb.	12½ to 18
Geese, dressed, per lb.	18 to 20
Ducks, dressed, per lb.	20 to 25
Chickens, per lb.	20 to 25
Chickens, per lb., live weight	12½ to 15
Chickens, broilers, per lb.	25
Guinea Fowls, each	1.00
Pigeons, dressed, per pair	50
Rabbits, dressed, each	50 to 65
Hare, dressed, each	75
Hams, per lb.	22
Bacon, per lb.	25 to 30
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Pork, dressed, per lb.	15 to 18

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Births, Marriages, Deaths

BORN.

MOFFATT—To the wife of Robert Moffatt, of 491 Superior St., a son.

DIED.

M'MILLAN—On the 20th inst., at the family residence, Cormorant street, Louisa McMillan, aged 84 years, a native of Cornwall, England.

The funeral will take place on Sunday at 1:45 p. m., from the residence and 2 o'clock from the Metropolitan Methodist church, Pandora avenue.

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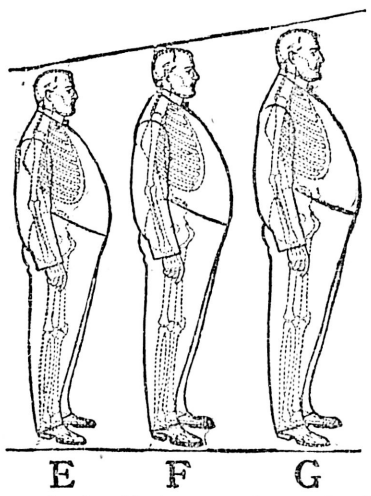

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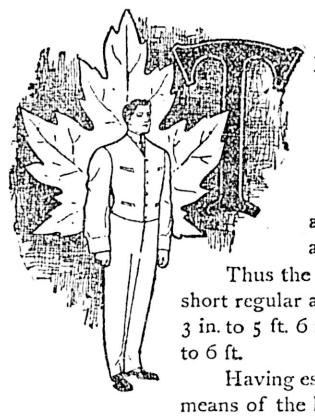

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FOR ALL FEMALE ILLS use Balm of Figs. 636 Fort street. d19

PRIVATE FUNDS for investment in agreement of sale. When applying give full particulars. Box 304 Colonist office. d19

MONEY TO LOAN on real estate. Apply to Dr. Hartman, 1319 Government Street. d19

SPECIAL CLASS in Pitman's shorthand, starts first week in January; $15 for entire course till proficient; books provided free; enroll now. Mr. Suttie, 1015 Yates St. d17

GENTLEMAN with capital wishes to engage in business in Victoria. Apply Box 447, Colonist. d15

WANTED—$2,000. Advertiser wants $1500 to $2,000 to extend growing business in this city; very profitable, proven business; no wild scheme; thoroughly genuine offer. Address box 440 Daily Colonist. d15

IMPORTANT SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION—Victoria Loan & Security Co., (Landsberg's Museum), 43 Johnson street, retiring from business. Entire stock of unredeemed pledges, watches, jewelry, antiques, firearms, musical and optical goods, curios, etc., must be sold regardless of cost. Every article a bargain. Sale now on. And pledges must be redeemed before the end of the year. Auction sales every afternoon and evening. W. Jones, auctioneer. d14

WANTED—Waiters to order regulation cloth suits, Tuxedo or full dress style, made to order (24 hours' notice), at Phillips & Co., Union Tailors, 342 Pender street, Vancouver, B. C. d6

PITMAN'S SHORTHAND—Modern short course simplifies and shortens system; rapid progress guaranteed; also by correspondence. Apply to certified teacher, 1045 Yates St. n15

WHEN YOUR ROOF needs shingling or repairing, get Robertson, the Shingler, to do it. Address 1358 Gladstone avenue. o27

FOR SALE—Large gasoline launch, suitable for hunting, fishing, or towing. 25 feet long, 10 h.p. engine, a bargain. Apply, Caretaker, J. B. A. A. Clubhouse, Belleville street. (a31

FOR SALE—Auxiliary Yacht "Ariadne" lately overhauled, with full equipment. Apply Crease & Crease, 17 Fort Street, Victoria, B. C. Aug17

ADVERTISING WORLD, Columbus, Ohio. A monthly journal of information; plans, suggestions and ideas for advertising. Send today for free sample, or 10c for four month's trial.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL—Having purchased the blacksmith and carriage shop of W. A. Robertson & Son, 56 Discovery streets, I am now prepared to do all kinds of carriage, blacksmith, painting and horse shoeing, etc. I make a specialty of shoeing horses with corns, quarter corks, etc. Attention is called to my change of address, and all old customers and new ones are cordially invited to give me a call. I. J. J. Fisher, 56 Discovery street.

TO LET—RESIDENCES

TO RENT—Belmont Avenue, off St. Charles Street, 8-roomed house, modern improvements. Particulars on application, to The Stuart Robertson Co., 36 Broad Street. s22

FOR SALE—SECOND-HAND

FOR SALE—One safe, 1 cash register; splendid condition; cheap. Apply box 178 Colonist. n24

FOR SALE—An Oliver typewriter, almost new and in perfect order. Apply at the Family Grocery, corner Yates and Douglas. fy28

WANTED—To purchase, a second-hand English dog cart. Apply stating lowest price to Vancouver office of the Colonist. d19

FOR SALE PROPERTY

FOR QUICK SALE—Fine 5-room cottage, near car line, $1,400. Apply Allen's, 579 Yates St.

FOR SALE—Two new 10-roomed houses, off Fort St., four bedrooms, reception hall, separate bath and w.c., large rooms, conveniently designed; $4,950 each; bargain. T. E. Crellin, 55 Boyd St. d22

160 ACRES near Duncans, 15 cleared, 80 bottom, orchard, new $2,000 house, splendid outbuildings, 10 cows, poultry, 3 horses, implements, 25 tons hay, furniture. $6,500. Address Z., P. O. Duncans. no1

WANTED—FEMALE HELP

YOUNG LADY cashier and order clerk wanted, must be quick and accurate. Address in own handwriting. P. O. Box 402, Victoria. d20

WANTED—A salesman and collector. Apply 1214 Broad St. d14

WANTED—MALE HELP

WANTED — Cordwood cutters; state terms. Apply Box 517, Colonist. d20

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GOOD PAY—Men wanted everywhere to tack signs, distribute circulars, samples, etc. No canvassing. National Dist. Bureau, Chicago, Ill.

AGENTS WANTED—For victoria and surrounding districts. Good commission and chance of advancement to capable men. Globe Agency Co., Mahon Building. d19

WANTED—Respectable young man about 18 years of age as subscription collector. Must be familiar with the city and furnish good reference as to good character and honesty. Small salary to start with. Apply at the Colonist. d17

WANTED—Married man (no children); experienced farm hand and good milker. Wife good cook. Apply to G. T. Corfield, Corfield, B. C. d12

MEN WANTED—Reliable men in every locality to advertise our goods, tacking up show cards on trees, fences, bridges, and all conspicuous places; distributing small advertising matter; commission or salary; $90 a month and expenses, $3.50 a day. Steady employment to good reliable men. We lay out your work for you; no experience needed; write for particulars. Salus Medicinal Co., London, Ont. n26

WANTED—Reliable carriers, having horses, to deliver the Colonist in Oak Bay and Victoria West districts. Must be thoroughly familiar with said districts and be at the Colonist office before 5 a. m. Very profitable work for time engaged and a good side line for those having a couple of hours or so to spare in the early morning. Apply at the Colonist office after 4:30 p. m. Ask for the circulation manager. n30

SITUATIONS WANTED—MALE

MECHANICAL and electrical engineer desires immediate employment; 23 years experience; first-class references. Box 542, this office. d22

YOUNG MAN wants work as blacksmith's helper, used to shoeing. Box 512, Colonist. d20

WANTED—The present predicament of a young Englishman necessitates the want of immediate work, mental or physical; educated, strong and active. References Box 311 Colonist. d5

TO LET—FURNISHED ROOMS

TO RENT—Newly furnished rooms, comfortable; one room for two or three gentlemen; reasonable prices. 719 Pisguard St., cor. Blanchard. d22

TO LET—Furnished rooms. 949 Fort St. d20

ROOMS (very much above the average) for rent to gentlemen, overlooking the park, close to tram line. Ideal for view and environments. Bond & Clark, 614 Trounce Ave. d20

TO LET—Bed room and sitting room, furnished, 1709 Fernwood Road. d17

TO RENT—Furnished room. Apply 1479 Fort St. d5

TO LET—Furnished room, heated, suitable for two, modern new house. 321 Michigan St. d6

TO LET—Comfortably furnished rooms, with or without board. Apply 725 Vancouver Street. (Old No. 47.)

FURNISHED ROOMS—Elegantly furnished rooms, with or without board. All modern improvements, including electric light and telephone. Close to steamboat landing. Corner Birdcage Walk and Belleville Street. Mrs. Woodill (formerly Revere House.)

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ARE you looking for a room, a house or furnished rooms for light housekeeping? If so, we can tell you where to get it. Why? Because we make that our business. It costs you nothing. The Empire Realty Co., 66 Yates street. o20

WANTED—TO RENT

GENTLEMAN wants room and board; state terms to Box 545, Colonist. d22

WANTED—Furnished cottage, modern, on or near Dallas Road, by January 5th. Address box 404 Colonist. d12

WANTED—Nicely furnished cottage for the winter; no children. 353, Colonist. d7

TEACHER WANTED

WANTED—An experienced teacher for Goldstream school. Apply W. Payne, secretary. d20

WANTED—Applications for teacher at West Saanich, will be received up to Dec. 27th., Wm. W. Moore, Sec., Mt. Tolmie, P. O. d13

WANTED—TO PURCHASE

WANTED—A No. 4 A Folding Kodak, second-hand; must be in good condition. Bell, 478 Gorge Road. d22

WANTED—At once, good lot, James Bay, or near Dallas Road, preferred. Owners only; 523 Colonist. d21

SMALL modern house with acreage; small cash payment, balance as rent. Full particulars. Six, The Manhattan, Thurlow St., Vancouver. d11

WANTED—To purchase diamonds and old-fashioned jewelry, pictures, engravings, china. **A. A. Aaronson, 85 Johnson Street.**

WANTED—To purchase, old mahogany furniture, clocks, grandfather clocks, coins, stamps, etc. **A. A. Aaronson, 85 Johnson Street.**

WANTED—To purchase, a home in Victoria with not less than three lots. The principal requisites are, to be near the car line, S. James's Bay preferred, the size of house not so important but the grounds must be well supplied with a good general assortment of shrubbery and fruit trees in full bearing; also five acres of land not more than two or three miles from end of car line. Answer by letter in the first instance stating location of property, size and fullest particulars and aspect of house and grounds and lowest cash price of same to Box No. 600, Colonist. Principals only. d22

WOOD

WANTED—To sell 50 cords of slab wood cut in stove lengths at $3.50 per cord delivered. Telephone No. 864. **B. F. Graham Lumber Co., Ltd.**

LOST AND FOUND

FOUND—A new Hudson bicycle. Owner may have same on calling at Dick's & Bloomquist's store, corner Fort and Blanchard Sts., and paying expenses. d24

LOST—English setter pup. Reward at Big "B" cigar factory, Spring Ridge. d24

LOST—A small black purse, between Heywood Ave. and Superior St. Phone B-1471. d19

Found—English Setter pup about six months old. Apply corner Craigflower Road and Arcadia Street. d12

LOST—Mink muff, lost Thursday, probably left in street car. Reward. Apply Colonist editorial rooms. d10

UNCLAIMED PROPERTY

UNCLAIMED PROPERTY at Colonist Office—There are at this office the following unclaimed articles:—2 purses, 1 lady's watch, 2 brooches, 1 pair eyeglasses. d25

FOR SALE

60 ACRES—Sooke District, just inside Sooke harbor.
FINE SEA FRONTAGE—At Esquimalt, about three acres. Cheap.
TWO LOTS—On Victoria harbor with large wharf and sheds and 2 large warehouses in good condition. On easy terms.
THREE LOTS—On Yates street with 10 stores, bringing in good rentals.
TO RENT—Large wharf at foot of Yates street. Rent $130 per month.
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KINGS ROAD—Formerly Fifth Street, lot 50 feet x 150, only $230.
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TWO STOREY RESIDENCE—James Bay district; $3,000.

160 ACRE FARM—Sooke district, fine situation, house and buildings; $3,000.

Re Mary Helen Baillie, Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to the "Trustees and Executors Act" all creditors and others having claims against the estate of Mary Helen Baillie, formerly of Victoria, B. C., who died on the 8th day of November, 1907, and probate of whose will and the codicils thereto was duly granted to Charles Edward Pooley, the executor therein named out of the Victoria Registry of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, on the 30th day of November, 1907, are required to send to the undersigned the solicitors for the executor on or before the 4th day of January, 1908, full particulars of their claims duly verified and the nature of the securities, if any, held by them.

And further take notice that after the said 4th day of January, 1908, the said executor will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which he shall have had notice, and that the said executor will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof to any person or persons of whose claim he shall not have had notice at the time of such distribution.

All parties indebted to the said estate are required to pay such indebtedness to the said executor forthwith.

Dated December 3, 1907.

POOLEY, LUXTON & POOLEY,
Chancery Chambers, Langley Street, Victoria, B. C., Solicitors for the Executor.

Notice is hereby given that I intend to apply to the Board of Licensing Commissioners of the City of Victoria at their next sitting as a Licensing Court, for a transfer of my license for the sale of wines and liquors by retail, upon the premises situated at the corner of Douglas and View Streets, Victoria, B. C., and known as the Carlton—formerly the Vernon Bar—to Henry William Eickhoff.

Dated this 12th day of December, 1907.

PETER JENSON.

In the Matter of the Estate of Sidney Shore, late of Victoria, B. C., Deceased.

All persons indebted to the estate of Sidney Shore, late of the city of Victoria, deceased, are required to pay the amount of their indebtedness forthwith to the undersigned, or at the store, Government street, and all persons having claims against the said estate are requested to send particulars of their claims, duly verified, to the undersigned before the first day of March, 1908. After the said date, the estate will be distributed amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard to the claims only of which the executors had then notice.

Dated the 27th day of November, 1907.

FELL & GREGORY,
Chancery Chambers, Victoria, B. C., Solicitors for Mary Hammond Shore, Executrix, and Carl Stromgren, Executor.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

Bridge, North Arm, Fraser River.

Superstructure of Swing Span.

NOTICE is hereby given that the time for receiving tenders for the Superstructure Metal for Swing Bridge, North Arm, Fraser River, has been extended up to and including Friday, the 31st day of January, 1908. F. C. GAMBLE,
Public Works Engineer.
Lands and Works Department,
Victoria, B. C., Dec. 17, 1907. d21

F. J. O'Reilly. C. T. Cross.

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REAL ESTATE, MINES.
44 Fort Street.

ALBERNI

We have 90 acres, just out of Alberni. The property has a commanding position, with good view of the valley and canal. For sale at less per acre than small lots the same distance from town are offered at. Terms and price at office.

Richmond Avenue—Choice lot. Price $1,000.00. Terms.

Corner Trutch and Collinson Streets—114 x 114 feet. A snap at $2,100.00.

Oak Bay Avenue—We have a few choice acre lots at reasonable prices between Oak Bay Ave. and Foul Bay Road.

Corner Scoresby and Linden Avenue—110 x 120, splendid location. $3,500.00.

Island Road Sub-division, Oak Bay—Lots 1-3rd acre. Splendid building sites. We are sole agents.

FRUIT LANDS

We have a block of over 800 acres of splendid fruit land in Kootenay District. Would divide well into 5 and 10-acre tracts. Will be sold at a bargain.

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THREE LOTS—Phoenix street, 1 block from car. Price, $300 each.

LARGE WATER FRONTAGE — On Gorge close to car; ideal location. Price $4,000. Easy terms.

TWO LOTS on Duchess street, all cleared; $500 each.

NEW 8-room dwelling on Menzies St. Easy terms.

10¾ ACRES and house, Burnside, 3 miles from city. Price $6,000. Easy terms.

BUSINESS PROPERTY, centrally located, for sale cheap.

BEAUTIFUL 7-room dwelling, Victoria West, close to car; immediate possession. Good terms.

6-ROOM DWELLING, South Turner; good view; modern, $4,250.

BARGAIN—Dwelling, cor. Johnson and Camosun, 7 rooms, strictly modern, $700 cash, balance monthly payments.

4¾ ACRES one block from car line, fruit trees; good house and barn. Price $8,400; easy terms.

15 ACRES planted in fruit trees, sea view, 5-room house, good water, Cadboro Bay. Price $13,500.

1 ACRE Foul Bay Road, planted in strawberries. Price $2,600; snap.

7 ACRES (cleared) 3 miles from city, under cultivation; good dwelling. Price $7,000.

LOT on Richmond Avenue, $600, one-third cash, balance easy terms.

60 ACRES, Cordova Bay, good water frontage, first-class soil. Price $6,300.

WE HAVE a client who wants 100 sections of timber. It must cruise and average 20,000; will pay cash on completion of cruise.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

Bridge, North Arm, Fraser River.

SUPERSTRUCTURE OF SWING SPAN.

SEALED TENDERS, superscribed "Tender for Superstructure Metal for Swing Bridge, North Arm, Fraser River," will be received by the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, Victoria, B. C., up to and including Tuesday the 31st of December, 1907, for manufacturing and delivering, f. o. b., scow at Vancouver or New Westminster, all the metal work required for the superstructure of a steel swing span.

Drawings, specifications, condition of contract and tender may be seen by intending tenderers on and after Tuesday, the 26th of November, 1907, at the office of the Public Works Engineer, Lands and Works Department, and at the office of the Provincial Timber Inspector, Court House, Vancouver, B. C.

Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted bank cheque or certificate of deposit on a chartered bank of Canada, made payable to the order of the Honourable the Chief Commissioner in the sum of two hundred and fifty ($250) dollars, which shall be forfeited if the party tendering decline or neglect to enter into contract when called upon to do so. The cheques or certificates of deposit of successful tenderers will be returned to them upon the execution of the contract.

The successful tenderer will be called upon to furnish a bond, himself and two securities, satisfactory to the Honourable the Chief Commissioner, in the sum of $1,000 each, or to furnish a bond of a Guarantee comapny satisfactory to the Honourable the Chief Commissioner in the sum of $3,000 for the due fulfillment of the work contracted for.

Upon the execution of the contract and a satisfactory bond being furnished, the cheque or certificate of deposit above mentioned will be returned to the contractor.

Tenders will not be considered unless made out on the forms supplied, signed with the actual signatures of the tenderers and enclosed in the envelopes furnished.

The lowest of any tender not necessarily accepted.

F. C. GAMBLE,
n27 Public Works Engineer.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

In the matter of the estate of George Cawthen, deceased, intestate and in the matter of the official administrator's Act.

Notice is hereby given that under an order made by the Hon. Mr. Justice Irving dated 9th Dec. 1907, I the undersigned was appointed administrator of the estate of the above deceased. All parties having claims against the said estate are required to send particulars of the claim to me on or before the 12th day of Jan. 1908, and all parties indebted to the said estate are required to pay such indebtedness to me forthwith.

Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 12th day of Dec. 1907.

R. G. MONTEITH,
Acting Official Administrator.

NOTICE TO LOGGERS.

Bridge, North Arm, Fraser River.

PILES.

ALTERNATIVE sealed tenders, superscribed "Tender for Piles, Bridge, North Arm, Fraser River," will be received by the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, Victoria, B. C., up to and including Tuesday, the 31st of December, 1907, for furnishing and delivering at the bridge site on the North Arm of the Fraser river, on the line of the Cemetery road, fir and cedar piles.

About six hundred (600) will be required, varying in length from twenty (20) to forty-five (45) feet. They must be straight, sound, and not less than ten (10) inches at the small end. No butts will be accepted.

Further printed particulars can be obtained on application to the undersigned.

Tenderers must state the price per lineal foot for piles delivered.

The successful tenderer will be furnished with a list giving the number of piles required and the length of each.

Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted bank cheque or certificate of deposit on a chartered bank of Canada, made payable to the order of the Honourable Chief Commissioner, in the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars ($250), which shall be forfeited if the party tendering decline or neglect to enter into contract when called upon to do so, or fail to complete the work contracted for. The cheques or certificates of deposit of unsuccessful tenderers will be returned to them upon the execution of the contract.

Tenders will not be considered unless made out on the form supplied, signed with the actual signatures of the tenderers, and enclosed in the envelope furnished.

The lowest of any tender not necessarily accepted.

F. C. GAMBLE,
n27 Public Works Engineer.

Pine Creek Power Company Limited.

TAKE NOTICE that the annual meeting of the Pine Creek Power Company, Limited, will be held on Tuesday, 3rd day of December, 1907, at the office of Bodwell & Lawson, 918 Government street, Victoria, British Columbia, at the hour of 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon. Dated this 14th day of November, 1907.

J. F. BREEZE,
Secretary.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the Matter of the Estate of James Eliphalet McMillan, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that all creditors and others having claims against the estate of James Eliphalet McMillan, late of Victoria, who died on or about the 13th day of August, 1907, are required on or before the 28th day of December, 1907, to send by prepaid post or to deliver to the undersigned solicitor for John Pope Burgess, the executor of the last will and testament of said deceased their claims against the estate of the said deceased, duly verified by statutory declaration.

And further take notice that after such last mentioned date the executor will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which he then has notice, and the said executor will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof to any person or persons of whose claims notice shall not have been received by him at the time of such distribution.

H. G. HALL,
Solicitor for John Pope Burgess, 520 Bastion Square, Victoria, B. C.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Private Bills.

The time limited by the rules of the house for the presentation of petitions for leave to introduce private bills expires on Monday, 27 January, 1908.

Bills must be presented to the house by Thursday, 6th February, 1908.

Reports on bills will not be received after Thursday, 13th February, 1908.

Copies of the bill, petition and notices must be deposited with the undersigned, and the house fees paid, not later than Wednesday, 8th January, 1908.

Dated this 2nd day of December, 1907.

THORNTON FELL,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that at the next setting of the Board of License Commissioners I intend to apply for a transfer of my retail liquor license for the Regent Saloon, corner Johnson and Douglas streets, Victoria, B. C., to William Alexander Anderson.

(Signed) CATHERINE J. MELDRAM,
Victoria, B. C.

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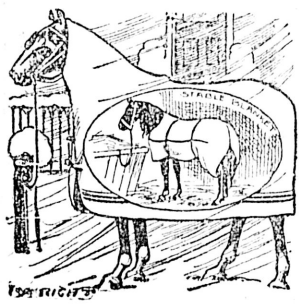

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WE SELL THE EARTH
DRURY & MACGURN
34 GOVERNMENT ST.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 17, 1907.

Messrs. Drury & Macgurn, City:

Dear Sirs—I beg to acknowledge receipt of cheque No. 19551 for $3,000, in settlement of the policy held by my late husband (Sidney Shore), in your company, (The Mutual Life of Canada), and to thank you for your courtesy and attention in this matter.

Yours very truly,
MARY HAMMOND SHORE.

TO THE ELECTORS OF WARD NO. 2

At the request of a number of electors I beg to announce myself as a candidate for Alderman for Ward No. 2 at the coming municipal elections, and respectively solicit your votes and influence.

December 24, 1907.
A. M. BANNERMAN.

Was She Poisoned?

Thamesville, Ont.—The wife of a prominent citizen of Thamesville was the heroine of a mysterious case which has just been sucessfully solved. About a year ago, Mrs. J. W. Dulong began to suffer with headaches. There was no apparent cause for them. After trying the ordinary "headache remedies," and failing to get relief, Mrs. Dulong consulted several physicians, who pooh-hooed the idea of anything out of the ordinary and told her she "would be all right."

Vague hints became rumors. Was Mrs. Dulong being poisoned? Yes, she was—and strangest of all, by herself. Not intentionally—nor with drugs—but nevertheless, she was slowly poisoning herself. Headaches are always a sign of blood poisoning. Bowels, skin and kidneys should rid the system of tissue waste. If one of these organs are weak or not acting properly, this waste stays in the system—is absorbed by the blood—and irritates the nerves and makes the headaches.

"I have tried 'Fruit-a-tives' and found them splendid for headaches,' writes Mrs. Dulong after her recovery. "I feel so much better since I commenced taking them. I think they are a splendid medicine and" (note this) "I am recommending them to my friends." Everybody, who takes Fruit-a-tives, is grateful for the cures they affect. It is wonderful how quickly "Fruit-a-tives" give relief in all cases of stomach, liver, kidney and bowel trouble. If you suffer, get a box today; 50c, 6 boxes for $2.50. At your druggist or sent on receipt of price. Fruit-a-tives Limited, Ottawa, Ont.

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Civic Notice

The municipal council of the corporation of the city of Victoria having directed that a full audit of all monies received and expended by said municipality, including the examination of the authority of such expenditures, such audit and examination to cover the period from the first of January to the 31st December, 1907, be made; notice is hereby given that applications will be received at the office of the undersigned until Monday, the 20th day of January, 1908, at 3 p. m., for the performance of said work of audit and examination.

WELLINGTON J. DOWLER,
C. M. C.

City Clerk's Office, Victoria, B. C., December 24, 1907.

G. B. HUGHES
Real Estate, Insurance, etc.
572 Yates St., Victoria, B. C.
Six roomed House, near High School, all modern, in first class condition; brick and stone foundation; terms. A snap.....$3500
Seven roomed 1 1-2 storey frame house on North road, in good condition, beautiful view, good locality. A great bargain. Only $1800

CIVIC NOTICE

All persons desiring to employ help of any kind are hereby requested to state their requirements in writing in as few words as possible and address the same to the "Employment Bureau," City Hall.

All persons seeking employment may apply at the "Employment Bureau," at the City Hall, which will be temporarily located in the Committee Room.

WELLINGTON J. DOWLER,
C.M.C.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 18th, 1907.

We beg to inform the public that we are now prepared to supply the
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617 Fort Street.

INDIAN RESERVES IN THIS PROVINCE

Minister Oliver's Statement of Dominion Government's Views

Mr. Macpherson, member for Vancouver, brought up in the House of Commons the question of Indian reserves in British Columbia. In reply to his remarks, Hon. Frank Oliver, Minister of the Interior, said:

The question which my honorable friend has brought up is one of very great importance. It is of much greater importance in the province of British Columbia than in any of the other provinces, because though the area of that province is very great, the amount of agricultural land is comparatively small, and of that land, scattered all through the province, the Indians have taken their pick, with the result that the development of the province is undoubtedly very seriously retarded. When the reserves were set apart, and subsequently, in the negotiations between the province and the Dominion for the entrance of the province into the Dominion and for the construction of the Canadian Pacific railroad, the question of the Indian reserves was dealt with, and the conditions respecting the reserves in British Columbia were made different from those respecting reserves in other parts of the Dominion. In other parts of the Dominion the Indians have an absolute right to the land, and when the land is disposed of the proceeds accrue to the Indians. But in the province of British Columbia, under the arrangement made between the province and the Dominion, the ultimate right in the land, the reversionary interest, is in the province. This is the agreement between the province and the Dominion. While, when this arrangement was made it looked like a preservation of the interests of the province, and as being in the best interests of the people of that province, as it came to be worked out it was found that instead of being for the benefit of the province in securing its development, it has so far prevented the alienation of Indian lands, which are now unused, because it is perpectly clear that if the Indians are not going to get the benefit of the lands which they are not using, but which they might alienate, they are not going to alienate them or permit them to be alienated, and as a consequence the Indians all over British Columbia have been sitting tight and holding their thousand reserves in a thousand places in that province. The British Columbia government was not in a position to displace the Indians, and neither was this government, because, as the guardian of the Indians, being charged with the responsibility of their protection, it was not for this government to say to the Indians: you have too much land in this place, you must get off. On the other hand, the British Columbia government was not in a position to assert any right or authority to compel the Indians to get off, and the result has been the holding up of the province.

It was not the fault of either the Dominion or the province, but the position was such that the Dominion could not approach the Indians satisfactorily to secure the surrender of any of their reserves. The time came, however, when an opportunity seemed to occur in the case of the Metlakatla reserve at the port of Prince Rupert. When the Grand Trunk Pacific desired to acquire a large area of land upon that reserve for townsite purposes, it seemed as if something might be done; the Indians were approached and asked if they would alienate a portion of that reserve at a figure, subject of course to the reversionary interest of the province of British Columbia. The agreement was entered into, the alienation was made so far as the Indians were concerned, but then the province stepped in and said: Our rights are such that any relaxation of the hold of the Indians on any of these lands, transfers that land absolutely to us. That is the position in which that land stands today, and of course as long as that situation continues, this government is absolutely debarred, as a business proposition, from undertaking to deal with any other reserve in the province of British Columbia. However, there have been negotiations between the two governments looking to a decision by the highest authority as to the respective rights of the Indians and the province in these lands. This government has agreed or suggested that the British Columbia government should join issue with us and have this question tried and finally settled. The Dominion government recognizes that it is not to the advantage of the Dominion that these fertile valleys in British Columbia should be held in the hands of people who do not use them. At the same time, as guardian of the Indians, it is not for us to undertake to displace them, nor is it for us to trespass in any way on the rights of British Columbia. So we hope that with the concurrence of the province we will have it tried before the courts; the Dominion will have to act for the Indians, not in any spirit of hostility to British Columbia, but merely in discharging the responsibility placed on us to guard the interests of the Indians. The matter will be tried in due time, and when a decision has been rendered it will be possible to deal with the reserves in a more business-like way than in the past.

Mr. Fowler advised the two governments to get together in a friendly way and deal with the question on a business basis. Let the lands be put up to public tender and sale, and the proceeds divided, a portion going to buy out the reversionary interest of the province and the balance to the Indians.

Mr. Oliver—I only want to say a word as to the suggestion that we ought to be able to arrive at a satisfactory and amicable solution of this difficulty by agreement with the province of British Columbia. There was a time when we hoped to be able to do that. But, in view of, what seems to me, the very extraordinary attitude taken by the province in this matter—that is, view that whatever the Indians do to release any portions of the lands that act thereby transfers that land to the ownership of the province as long as the province maintains that attitude we have nothing to negotiate; we are not in a position to make any bargain in regard to anything. We believe that this is not warranted under the law, and, believing that, and being guardians of the Indians, we are not able to accept it. But, should it be decided by the Privy Council that the contention of the province is right, of course we should accept it, and then we should then be in a position to negotiate with the province, acknowledging that the land was theirs.

Mr. Fowler—Is there any question as to the reversionary rights of the province, say in case of abandonment of the land by the Indians? Is not that settled?

Mr. Oliver—There are many questions.

Mr. Pugsley—It is not admitted that if the Indians sell out the land it goes to the province.

Mr. Fowler—It is only in case of the dying out of the tribe.

Mr. Pugsley—Yes, that is very different from the selling out of their rights by the Indians.

Mr. Oliver—Speaking generally, and without prejudice—I want that to be understood, because I am not familiar with all the details—it is admitted that on the dying out of a band of Indians, in the case of certain of the reserves of the provinces, their land would thereby become the sole property of the province. But that is not the point at issue. The point is in regard to portions of the reserve not in use by the Indians. We believed, at the time we entered into this transaction with regard to the Metlakatla reserve, that it was perfectly within the right of the Indians to alienate that part of the reserve which they thought it was more in their interest to alienate than to hold. But the province of British Columbia holds that, it matters not under what conditions, as soon as the Indian lets go, their right steps in. That, of course, puts negotiation out of possibility. The only course is to submit the matter to the courts. Once it is decided, we shall know our position. I can assure the House and the country that this government has no intention or desire to contest any right of the province of British Columbia. But it must discharge the duty placed upon it of maintaining the rights of the Indians. To go into the matter a little deeper there are several classes of cases in these reserves in British Columbia. There are reserves which were set apart when British Columbia was a Crown colony—set apart by imperial authority and direction. There are reserves which were set apart after the province entered the Dominion. And the question of the reserves within the railway belt is in a somewhat different position from the other. Having these four or five different clases of reserves, everybody will agree, I think, that it is very desirable, in the interests of the province on the one hand and of the Indians on the other, that there should be a judicial decision in regard to it.

Mr. Fowler—I suppose the province had the reversionary right after the Indians where it was a case of the extinction of the tribe or abandonment. But, if, as has been pointed out, this is not a case of the extinction of the tribe, the matter ought to be finally settled by the courts.

MUSIC AND DRAMA

The New Grand.

There will be the usual afternoon and evening performances at the New Grand today, the matinee at 3 o'clock and the evening shows at 7:30 and 9. The Ameen Abou Hamed troupe of eight Arab acrobats head a list of all star acts which includes besides: The Rosaires, tight and slack wire artists; Gray and Graham, novelty comedy musical act; Evans and Lloyd, in the comedy musical sketch "Turning the Tables"; Evangeline Metcalf, singing and acrobatic dancing; Thos J. Price, singing the illustrated song "Keep on Smiling"; good moving pictures and the overture "A Tourist's Experiences in Victoria," arranged by Prof Nagel.

Pantage's Theatre.

The usual daily 10c matinee which takes place at three o'clock will afford those looking for amusement on Xmas afternoon an opportunity to spend an hour and a half very pleasantly, and witness one of the best performances that has been presented in this theatre for some time. The entire show this week is certainly a clever one, and has made a big impression with those who can enjoy up-to-date vaudeville. The programme has no weak turns. Every number is good from start to finish and furnished by artists of ability and reputation.

The following comprise the company who will appear at all the performances for the remainder of the week. Davis & Walker, The Flood Sisters Murray Simon, Miss Crawford, Coleman & Mexis and Baby Patsy. The Pantagescope has an amusing film this week entitled College Chums which is extremely funny. ***

Objected to the Others.

Miss Dorothy Donnelly tells a charming anecdote of George Bernard Shaw. "I was a guest at a dinner in London given in honor of Granvile Baker, who is the foremost figure as a producing manager in the British Capital. Among the other guests were Bernard Shaw and Beerbohm Tree, the actor-manager, who was down for one of the after-dinner speeches. In the course of his post-prandial remarks, Mr. Tree took occasion to eulogize Mr. Baker for his enterprise in undertaking original productions and introducing to the English-speaking world many new playwrights. Mr. Baker, he said, had given the English stage George Bernard Shaw and others. Mr. Shaw, who was sitting next to Mr. Tree, then rose to his feet, shouting:

"I object."

"To what?" inquired Mr. Tree.

"To the others," replied the Irish iconoclast.

Miss Donnelly this season is playing Shirley Rossmore in "The Lion and the Mouse," which Henry B. Harris is sending to the Victoria Theatre next Monday evening.

The Value of a Hand.

To those who play poker, the value of a hand might have some significance, but to the insurance world this season, it has caused a mountain of speculation, conjecture, and to those who did not secure the policies, considerable jealousy. The price of hands has gone up—magic hands—great hands the hands for instance, of Jan Kubelik, the world famous violinist, who will appear at the Victoria Theatre January 7, under the auspices of the Victoria Musical Society.

These hands, with their marvellous fingers working on a string and bow, draw from quivering violin music that fascinates and thrills. Every time these hands go into action at a concert, Jan Kubelik is richer by several thousand dollars. Every time he makes a tour of America he goes away with something nearing a big chunk of a million American dollars.

So these are most valuable hands. Last year he insured them for $50,000. They said then that his marriage and the twins that had blessed it would knock so much of the romance out of the young artist's personality for the public that he would not enjoy the same popularity with the impressionable American girls who had hitherto flocked to his concerts. But his tour was even more successful. Kubelik came this year with his hands insured for $85,000.

That means $42,500 for each hand. It means that each of his fingers is valued at $3,500, thumbs included. That's a rise in fingers of $3,500 per finger. So you see Jan Kubelik has a fortune in his hands, even if he breaks them.

MAY MAKE CHANGES

Impending Changes in Dividend and Banking Systems in the States

The New York Journal of Commerce says:—It is now coming to be realized that various matters will have to be cleared up before the stock market can hope to enter upon a clear course. Concern is now expressed over impending changes in the New York banking field. The annual meetings of the banks will be held in mid-January, and it is understood that there will then occur changes of importance. Bank directorates have during the last two months undergone considerable recasting, but hitherto only the smaller institutions have been affected. Recent events, however, may lead to a realignment of the more powerful interests. Recent declines in certain bank stocks are believed to signify something beyond the general depression—they may portend the changes that are now being discussed. Then the stock market atmosphere is so heavily surcharged with rumors of dividend reductions that values are likely to suffer until the process of readjustment rendered necessary by economic conditions has been carried into effect. It frequently happens that apprehension over a lower dividend causes more unsettlement than the actual declaration of a lower disbursement. Thus, New York Central, Pennsylvania, and several other industrial issues are discounting reductions at a pace that may or may not prove to have been justified. The best banking opinion is uncompromisingly opposed to the manoeuvers now being resorted to by various corporations to maintain a semblance of payments that either have not been earned, or if earned should not be declared under existing and prospective conditions.

The money market is also exercising a depressing effect upon securities. A premium on currency still lags. Gold is still being engaged abroad, and, in time money must become more plentiful, but the process of recovery, following the disasters of October, threatens to be painfully slow. The latest reports of railroad earnings fail to dispel the gloominess that has again gathered in the financial district. The monthly reports issued yesterday by the Harriman Pacifics disclosed that while traffic has been maintained, profits have fallen off quite seriously. Moreover, the large systems now admit that they are not receiving as much traffic as they could handle, so that until the ordeal of deflation now under way reduces costs the profits of railroads must suffer.

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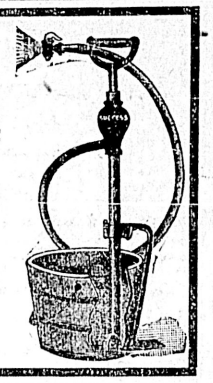

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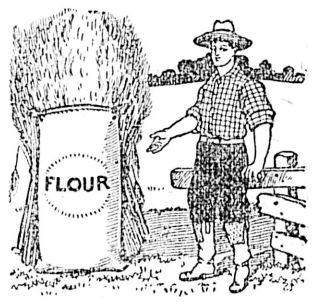

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